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Gromyko in Syria for Mideast talks

DAMASCUS, March 24 (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived in Damascus Saturday for talks on the Middle East conflict with Syrian President Hafez Assad, Syria's official news agency SANA reported.

Gromyko was expected to affirm Soviet backing for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Arab opponents, Moscow has denounced the treaty as a U.S.-Israeli conspiracy.

His Syrian colleague, Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, who Saturday predicted the treaty would lead to the downfall of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, was out of the country for official visits to Britain and France.

Gromyko was welcomed on arrival by Jamil Shayya, deputy premier for economic affairs. In airport speeches they stressed the close relations between Moscow and Damascus, and their interest in consulting on Middle East development.

Gromyko's trip to Syria comes on the eve of the signing of the separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel in Washington.

The SANA statement said Gromyko's talks would deal with Syrian-Soviet bilateral relations in addition to the Middle East question. The agency did not elaborate.

Unconfirmed reports in the Syrian capital said Gromyko would also confer with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat during the Damascus visit.

Syria and the PLO are the most outspoken treaty opponents in the hardline Arab front that is demanding pan-Arab political and economic sanctions against Egypt.

Both are expected to press their demand at a conference of Arab foreign and finance ministers scheduled for March 27 in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

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Arab League session opens in Mogadishu

RIYADH, March 24 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal left here for Mogadishu Saturday for an Arab League meeting at which reaction to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty will be high on the agenda.

The 71st plenary session of the League was to convene Saturday night, only a day after its secretary-general, Mahmoud Riad, announced he is resigning.

Prince Saud was accompanied on his flight from here by Jordanian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, and a full complement of high-ranking Saudi foreign affairs officials.

Many of the league's 22 members are expected to be represented at the meeting by officials rather than by their foreign ministers at the regular six-monthly meeting.

Riad was expected to submit his formal resignation at the session, after announcing Friday that he wanted to quit "because of the disunity in Arab ranks."

It has been reported that he feels the member states' differences over the treaty are so great that the league will not be able to agree on a unified course of action against Egypt.

Sudan and Oman have supported President Anwar Sadat's move to sign the treaty, but almost all the other league members have condemned it.

The treaty, expected to be signed in Washington Monday, will be the main topic at the session.

It was not known if Iraq, which had asked that the Mogadishu meeting be postponed, will be represented.

But Saudi radio said Saturday that the foreign ministers of Bahrain, Qatar and the U.A.E. have already arrived in Mogadishu.

Iraq has called a meeting of the League's foreign and economy ministers in Baghdad Monday to approve sanctions against Egypt after the treaty is signed.

Riad said his resignation would become effective at the end of this month.

Egypt, apparently anticipating attacks on the treaty, will not be represented at the meeting by its foreign minister but by its permanent delegate to the Cairo-based league, Tahseen Beshir.

The league has 21 member states. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is also a member.

In addition to Prince Saud, the Kingdom's delegation comprises Foreign Undersecretary for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri; Saudi Permanent Representative to the Arab League Sheikh Taher Radwan; the director of the prince's office, Hassan Al-Shawwaf; Al-Sharif Muhammad Al-Faiz, the head of the Arab League section at the Foreign Ministry; and Majed Barzanji, an adviser to the Kingdom's league mission.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah Saturday expressed regret at Riad's decision.

Sheikh Sabah described Riad as a distinguished Arab character who had played a major role in Arab issues and expressed hope that he would revoke his decision.



AWQAF MINISTERS: King Khalid Saturday receives Muslim ministers of Awqaf and Islamic affairs who participated in a three-day conference in Mecca. (SPA photo)

King receives Awqaf ministers

RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — King Khalid Saturday received Muslim ministers of Awqaf and Islamic affairs, who participated in a three-day conference in Mecca.

The meeting was attended by Saudi Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie.

Syrian Awqaf Minister Abdul Sattar Al-Sayed thanked Saudi Arabia on behalf of the delegates for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to the conferees.

He hailed the Kingdom's leading role in the Muslim world, particularly toward Jerusalem, one of the Muslim's two Qiblas and third holiest shrine.

The Syrian minister added that King Khalid's cable to the conference had given a strong impetus to the discussions.

Later in the day, the King received the chief delegates to the 48th session of the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

The King also received the visit.

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Defense lawyer hopeful Court rejects Bhutto plea

RAWALPINDI, March 24 (R) — Pakistan's condemned former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Saturday lost another court battle against his sentence of death, but his lawyers later said he was almost certain to be reprieved.

The Supreme Court dismissed a petition asking it to change its decision of last month rejecting Bhutto's appeal against his conviction for ordering a political assassination more than four years ago.

But at the end of its 153-page judgment, the court urged President Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq to consider defense arguments for commuting the sentence.

"This is a polite way of recommending clemency as the court cannot put a hindering order on the executive," chief defense lawyer Yahya Bakhtiar said later.

"After this, Gen. Zia cannot carry out the death sentence."

Immediately after the hearing, Bakhtiar spent an hour with Bhutto in his death cell in Rawalpindi's district jail and quoted him as saying that as president he would have respected the Supreme Court's observations on the question of sentence.

Bhutto, 51, an urbane Western-educated lawyer, ruled Pakistan for five-and-a-half years before he was overthrown in a coup in mid-1977. He was arrested 18 months ago and charged with ordering the ambush of a political opponent, Ahmed Reza Kasuri.

The ambush, for which four police officers are also under sentence of death, misfired and Kasuri's father Nawab Muhammad Ahmad Khan, was killed by mistake.

The court found it was not legally possible to consider new arguments for commuting the sentence in the narrow scope of the review petition. It said it was the proper duty of the defense counsel to have pressed the arguments during the hearing of the appeal.

"Although we have not found it possible in law to review the sentence of death on the grounds urged by Mr. Yahya Bakhtiar, yet these are relevant for consideration by the executive authorities in the exercise of their prerogative of mercy," it said.

If Zia decides to withhold clemency Bhutto could hang within seven days of receiving notice of the court's ruling.

But Saturday's ruling could make it more difficult for Zia to order the execution. He has always said he would not overturn the court's decision, but the court in effect placed the onus for the decision on him.

At the same time, however, the ruling would let Zia off the hook if he prefers to commute the sentence.

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Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

All seven judges signed the judgment, including three who voted to acquit Bhutto entirely after his appeal last month. This avoided a possible serious split in the court.

But they also effectively dissociate themselves from the findings of the court, saying only that the defense had failed to persuade those judges in favor of hanging Bhutto to change their minds.

They declined to criticize the judgment because of "judicial dignity."

They also said the defense arguments for mitigation of the sentence should be considered when considering possible clemency.

The defense had argued that Bhutto's sentence should be commuted because he was not at the scene of the crime, that the wrong man was killed and the court split over whether he was guilty.

The court rejected Bakhtiar's argument that its judgment of last month was full of errors and misinterpretation.

Carter offer to PLO 'still being studied'

BEIRUT, March 24 (Agencies) — A Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) spokesman said Saturday U.S. President Jimmy Carter's conditional offer to work with the organization was "still being studied."

Mahmoud Labady, head of the PLO foreign press section, said no response would be forthcoming until PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has a full opportunity to examine the offer, which Carter made in an interview with Egyptian television. The PLO leader arrived from Algiers Friday.

In what appeared to be a carefully timed statement, Carter said his administration would work directly with the PLO if it recognizes Israel and accepts U.N. Resolution 242.

On Friday, however, another Palestinian official, Yasser Abed Rabho of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, rejected Carter's offer, saying:

"There can be no solution under the umbrella and patronage of the United States."

But sources close to Arafat, whose Fatah faction dominates the PLO, said Abed Rabho did not speak for the organization as a whole.

Abed Rabho, member of the PLO Executive Committee and head of its information department, said: "The PLO has rejected such offers more than once and we now reject them more strongly than ever before."

"There can be no solution under the umbrella and patronage of the United States."

"Carter, Sadat and Begin are the enemies of our people. With the enemy there can be no policy except that of firm struggle until his defeat," Abed Rabho said.

He called for sanctions against the United States, including the suspension of oil flow and severance of relations.

Sadat flies to U.S. to sign peace treaty

CAIRO, March 24 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat left for Washington Saturday for Monday's signing of the peace treaty with Israel, his exact travel plans kept secret amid a continuing storm of protest from other Arabs.

It has been reported earlier that Sadat would stop briefly in Spain on his way to the United States and confer with King Juan Carlos, but official sources in Madrid said Friday he had canceled this plan for security reasons.

The Egyptian Embassy in Washington said Sadat would arrive Saturday evening instead of the previously scheduled Sunday.

An embassy official gave no reason for the earlier time, saying only that the president's jet was due at Andrews Air Force base at 6 p.m. local time (2300 GMT).

He added that Sadat would stay at the Washington Embassy and his schedule for Sunday which was still not definite, was expected to be light.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who is in New York, was to arrive in Washington Sunday for Monday's signing ceremony with Sadat and President Jimmy Carter on the north lawn of the White House at 2 p.m. local time (1900 GMT).

Sadat's departure coincided with Saturday's opening in the Somali capital of Mogadishu of an Arab League council meeting, at which the treaty was expected to come under fire from countries such as Syria, Iraq, Algeria, South Yemen, and Libya.

U.S. officials met Israeli and Egyptian ministers Saturday to wrap up details of the treaty in time for Monday's signing.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said he expected agreement Saturday on diplomatic and political steps the United States would take on Israel's behalf in case Egypt violated the treaty.

Agreement had been reached on the basics and only refinements of language remained to be approved, he added.

A senior U.S. official agreed that the so-called memorandum of agreement with Israel, was "in good shape," but it could not be described as wrapped up until Carter and Begin had approved it.

The assurances concern U.S. political support for Israel if Egypt fails to uphold its obligations after Israeli forces withdraw from the occupied Sinai. A similar set of assurances was given Israel after the Second Sinai Disengagement Agreement in 1975.

Talks were also due to be held between Israeli and Egyptian officials on the remaining detail of the treaty itself — the timing of Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai oilfields.

In addition Israel and the United States are discussing U.S. assurances about continuing oil supplies for Israel over the next 15 years.

After arriving from Tel Aviv, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Oil Minister Yitzhak Modai met Secretary of State Cyrus Vance for nearly an hour Friday night to discuss both questions.

Weizman said he would contact Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali later in the evening and see him Saturday.

Lack of agreement on the withdrawal has held up publication of the treaty, but Weizman told a reporter the matter would be settled "in due course."

Also Saturday, the Palestine Liberation Organization reportedly decided to close down its office in Cairo and recall its staff.

A PLO Executive Committee meeting chaired by Yasser Arafat also decided to recall the two committee members in Cairo — Madji Abu Ramadan and Ahmad Sidki Dajani, PLO sources in Cairo said.

Palestinian sources in Beirut confirmed the decision and said it would be implemented after the signing of the peace treaty in Washington on Monday.

Peace treaty or no, Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said Friday new Jewish settlements would be established in occupied territory.

Settlement officials said the government had allocated funds for three new posts, and there were radio reports that Sharon would sponsor 10 new settlements in the fiscal year starting April 1.

Speaking to the state radio as Begin was on his way to the United States Sharon would not specify his settlement plans.

But he said, "new settlements will certainly be established in Judea, Samaria, (West Bank) the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights, just as they will be established in the Arab and the Galilee."

The Arava Desert and Galilee have been part of Israel since 1948, while the other areas have been held by Israel since 1967.

When Begin presented the peace treaty to parliament for approval he asserted that the Jewish people have the "full right to settle in Eretz Israel," the Hebrew name for Biblical Israel.

Begin also made a secret commitment to the National Religious Party, his largest coalition partner, to speed up building new settlements in exchange for their

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IN NEW YORK: Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin upon arrival at Kennedy airport Saturday for the signing ceremony of the peace treaty with Egypt. (AP Wirephoto)

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Further fighting feared in Kurdish rebel town

SANANDAJ, March 24 (R) — Leaders of local Kurdish guerrillas in Sanandaj expressed fears Saturday that more violence might erupt in this embattled town because up to 5,000 well-trained fighters had moved in from nearby mountains.

A ceasefire remained in force between the guerrillas and government troops who had been besieged in their barracks for three days earlier this week.

But tension ran high Saturday morning after soldiers outside the barracks shot over the heads of Kurds who had gathered to meet relatives captured by the army during the siege.

Guerrillas scattered for cover behind already bullet marked walls when the shooting started.

Guerrilla leaders, laden with rifles, pistols, daggers and ammunition belts, said that the newly arrived mountain fighters are more hardline than themselves and could call on heavy artillery and tanks, hidden in the valleys of Kurdish west Iran.

One of the chiefs said the men made off with tanks and other sophisticated weapons from army garrisons taken over by crowds in the revolution.

"They are the people who have all along been waiting for an independent Kurdish nation, although we have tried to convince them that the Iranian Kurds, for economic reasons, should remain part of Iran," the guerrilla leader said of the mountaineers.

Iranian leaders Friday promised semi-autonomy to the Kurds and calm returned to Sanandaj, where at least 91 people died in the fighting between guerrillas and troops.

The guerrillas still wandered around the streets Saturday but stayed clear of the garrison.

In Tehran, Ayatollah Khomeini, Saturday appealed to voters to endorse his plan for an Islamic republic to replace the ousted Shah government.

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In Riyadh

Farm ministers discuss areas for Swedish help

By Tim Sisley

JEDDAH, March 24 — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh had talks in Riyadh Saturday with visiting Swedish Agriculture Minister Erik Eklund.

The ministers discussed ways of expanding Swedish assistance to agriculture in Saudi Arabia. The meeting was attended by Abdul Latif Al-Ojaji, deputy minister for research and development at the ministry. Deputy Minister for Water Abdullah Al-Gleiqah and

other ministry officials.

After the meeting, Eklund said he would meet other Saudi officials to discuss problems in agriculture, water development and stock-breeding here.

Eklund arrived in Jeddah Friday evening on a three-day visit to the Kingdom at the invitation of Dr. Al-Sheikh, returning a visit he made to Sweden last June.

Swedish officials say that the two ministers will hold a round table talks that will explore how the two countries can live up to the prom-

ises made then to expand Swedish assistance to the Kingdom's agricultural sector. It is unlikely that specific projects will be discussed, but rather fields of specialties will be explored.

Eklund is accompanied by a small delegation of civil servants from his ministry, two academics from Ulltuna, the agricultural university near Uppsala, and executives of the firms VBB, Alfa-Laval and Agriconsult. The party is made up by a representative of SAPP, a body which groups 40 agricultural companies.

Eklund flew to Riyadh Saturday, and will be returning to Jeddah only to change flights on Tuesday. On Monday evening he and Swedish Ambassador Count Carl-Gustav Bielke will meet members of Swedish business community in Riyadh.

Trees planted in two cities

SPA adds: Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen and Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim planted saplings Saturday to launch tree-planting campaigns in the two cities.

"Greenery means life", Prince Abdul Mohsen said as he planted the first of 1,000 saplings which the government has provided to embellish Medina. Municipal officials, members of Youth Welfare branches and boy scouts are taking part in the week-long campaign.

At a similar ceremony at the Youth Welfare Stadium in the Riyadh suburb of Malaz, Mayor Naim said that during the week the government would provide trees for planting in squares, streets, school playgrounds, campuses, compounds and barracks.

Father's car kills boy in accident

JEDDAH, March 24 — A Jeddah man was accidentally responsible for the death of his son over the weekend, 'Okaz' reported Saturday. The man, referred to only by his initials A.A., drove off in his car without noticing the boy was holding on. As the car picked up speed, the boy was thrown under the wheels and killed instantly.



ISLAMIC: Saudi delegates to endowments conference at the close of the meeting over the weekend. From left, Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Karakani, Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasi, and Islamic Development Bank President Ahmad Muhammad Ali.

Fateh lauds Mecca parley results

MECCA, March 24 (SPA) — A leading Palestinian official in Saudi Arabia has praised the recommendations of this week's conference of Islamic endowments ministers condemning dealings with Israel and calling for the complete liberation of Palestine.

Rafiq Al-Sbashta, representative here of Fateh, the leading commando organization, also praised Saudi Arabia's "continuous assistance and backing" to

Palestinian Resistance fighters.

In an interview published in "Al-Nadwa" newspaper here Sunday, Al-Sbashta, who goes by the nomme-de-guerre Abu Shaker, said that the Palestinian revolution will continue the struggle to recover occupied Palestinian land.

In their conference here which ended Thursday, the ministers also announced the liberation of

Jerusalem's Aqsa Mosque of Abraham as a religious duty for all Muslims.

Saturday the ministers visited Medina after paying a courtesy call on King Khaled in Riyadh.

The ministers visited the Mosque of the Holy Prophet and were guests at a lunch given by Habib Mahmoud, president of the Medina Board of Endowments.

Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen was guest of honor.

26 berths under construction

4 container berths open at Dammam

DAMMAM, March 24 (SPA) — The King Abdul Aziz Port in Dammam has recently commissioned four vast container berths. Port Director Sheikh Muhammad ibn Sulaiman Al-Mehanna said Saturday.

The four berths, each of 181,000 square meters, have now gone into service to take container ships.

In addition, the port is constructing 26 new berths to bring the total to 38 by 1980, Mehanna

said. This compares with only two docks in service in 1946.

Baha mosque week

BAHA, March 24 (SPA) — Students and officials Saturday cleaned mosques here and provided them with new copies of the Holy Koran as part of a mosque week for Baha district. During the week, seminars and classes will be held to inform residents of the need to keep mosques clean and in good repair.

Mehanna said that the problems of congestions and delays in discharge of two years ago have been completely eliminated. Ship-queuing times, which reached three months in 1976, have been reduced to zero, Mehanna said.

Work goes on at the port 24 hours a day and merchants and consignees are now informed of shipments 15 days before they arrive to ensure speedy clearing of the docks and warehouses, he said.

Malice not ruled out

Police said to probe 2nd Jeddah hotel fire

By James Buchan

JEDDAH, March 24 — Police are investigating as suspicious a fire that broke out at a Jeddah hotel Friday afternoon — the second blaze at the hotel in two weeks.

The question of malicious intent has apparently not been ruled out, according to Fuad Fawaz, director of public relations for the Sheraton Hotel Corporation which will manage the 560-room Airport Road hotel after its long-delayed completion.

The two fires broke out in exactly the same place and at the same time — Friday afternoon, when there are no builders at the site because of the holiday.

The first blaze broke out in the early afternoon of March 7 in the main restaurant on the first floor and spread to the hotel lounge.

About a dozen fire trucks from the Civil Defense station about 200 yards away brought the blaze under control in about one hour. Last Friday's fire "destroyed any furnishings in the restaurant spared by the first blaze", Fawaz said.

Sheraton, which also intends bring in a company investigator particularly concerned that the ostensible cause of the fire — an electric short circuit — had been neutralized last Friday.

The Saudi National Electricity Company, which controls the grid through Jeddah, cut off supplies power to the site after the first fire.

At the same time, the office Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz has asked for an explanation from hotel officials, Fawaz said.

The SR300 million hotel has been under construction for nearly three years and is due open in June.

Governor to open medical parley

AMMAN, March 24 (SPA) — Physicians and medical experts from the Kingdom, Europe and the United States will Tuesday attend the opening of the fourth Saudi Medical Congress at King Faisal University here. Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilawi will open the congress, organized by KFU with the Aramco Medical Department and the Ministry of Health. Also Tuesday, Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh will open the university's new computer and medical center.

Morocco to hold culture week

RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — A Moroccan cultural week will be held in the Kingdom from April 14 through 25. Highlights of the week will be lectures on the "Islamic cultural renaissance in Morocco" and a display of folk arts in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam.

Mecca deputy sees Dutch envoy

JEDDAH, March 24 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen received the Netherlands ambassador to the Kingdom here Saturday.

27 frontier officers decorated

RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — A group of 27 officers from the Frontier Force have been awarded different medals and decorations in appreciation of their efforts in the maintenance of border security. According to a Royal Order, the Military Appreciation Medal, First Class has been awarded to three officers, the King Faisal Medal, Third Class to six officers and Fourth Class to four officers. Ten officers have been awarded the Military Appreciation Medal, Second Class, while the Naval Medal Second Class has gone to four other officers.

WESTINGHOUSE TO HOLD EXPOSITION IN SAUDI ARABIA.

Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, March 22, 1979
Under the auspices of His
Royal Highness, Prince Salman Ibn Abdul Aziz,
Governor of Riyadh,
Westinghouse Electric Corporation will hold an
exposition in the capital city of
Riyadh April 28 through May 3, 1979,
at the Inter-Continental Hotel, it was announced today.

The exposition, to be held in the hotel's new great banquet hall, will be the largest ever presented in the history of Westinghouse.

B.J. Sturman, President of Westinghouse of Saudi Arabia, said the exposition is believed to be the first of its kind in the Kingdom.

The exposition, with the theme "Sincere Cooperation," will include two multi-media presentations, each presented in Arabic and English, depending on the audience for a specific performance.

The first presentation will include a broad description of Westinghouse capabilities in the manufacture of equipment for the generation, transmission, distribution, control and use of electric power. It will also describe the company's "in country" presence in Saudi Arabia.

The second presentation, entitled "Experience In Motion," will describe the technology utilized in the transportation of people horizontally, diagonally, and vertically in such projects as airports, transit systems, and building complexes.

All three major operating units of Westinghouse — Industry Products, Power Systems, and Public Systems — will be represented with a display of their products, systems and services in the 1200-square-meter exhibit area.

Attendance at the exposition will be by invitation only, except for May 3 which will be open to the general public. The program will be of interest to all of the Ministries of the Saudi Arabian Government, to the Saudi Arabian business community, and to

companies in America and other countries having major projects in Saudi Arabia.

The displays will include virtually all Westinghouse products and services applicable to programs and projects completed, under way, or anticipated in the development of Saudi Arabia's infrastructure, such products and services include:

Gas and steam turbines, solar energy, power circuit breakers, transformers, switchgear, various types of electric circuit protection

and distribution equipment, wiring devices, open office furniture, lighting, lamps, motors, process control instruments and systems, elevators, people moving systems, air conditioning equipment, apparatus repair and maintenance services, health systems and language translation systems.

Westinghouse already has a substantial "presence" in Saudi Arabia, in addition to participating in a variety of major projects for the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO). Westing-

house, in a joint venture with Abbar and Zainy of Jeddah, operates the Industry Services Company of Saudi Arabia (ISCOSA). Located at Dammam, ISCOSA is the largest and most modern repair facility in the Middle East. It repairs, rebuilds, and services equipment such as gas turbines, valves, pumps, electric motors, transformers, and other power equipment made by Westinghouse and other manufacturers. ISCOSA also provides broad training programs for the transfer

of technology and the operation and maintenance of mechanical and electrical systems.

Another major facility, Westinghouse Electric Supply Company of Saudi Arabia (WESCOSA), is a manufacturer and assembly plant for panel boards, switchboards, and load centers. It is a distribution warehouse stocking a wide variety of products and supplies and is also located at Dammam. WESCOSA is a Westinghouse joint venture with Al Quraishi and Brothers, a Saudi company which has been in the consumer product wholesale business for more than 33 years.

Washington warns Moscow not to fight Afghan rebels

WASHINGTON, March 24 (Agencies) — State Department officials have warned the Soviet Union not to intervene in the fighting in Afghanistan, saying "we expect the principle of non-interference to be respected by all parties in the area, including the Soviet Union."

"We would regard external involvement in Afghanistan's internal problems as a serious matter with the potential of heightening tensions and destabilizing the situation in the entire region," they said Friday.

But Department spokesman Rodding Carter tempered the warning by calling the statement a "diplomatic exercise" and acknowledged that the Soviets have a right to send arms and advisers to the Afghan government.

He said allegations in the Soviet press that the United States is backing anti-government fighters are false. "The United States has not interfered in the internal affairs of Afghanistan," he said.

Carter also said there were no active plans to send a new ambassador to Kabul to replace Adolph "Spike" Dubs, who was slain last month when police stormed a hotel room where he was being held hostage.

Also Friday, diplomats in Moscow said the U.S. Embassy in Moscow had protested to the Soviet foreign minister over Russian radio and newspaper reports alleging American involvement in training rebels in Afghanistan.

A U.S. diplomat told officials on Wednesday that the reports, on Moscow radio and in the newspapers "Izvestia" and "Pravda," were irresponsible, untrue, and could endanger the lives of U.S. personnel, the sources said.

"Izvestia" said on Monday that U.S. and British intelligence services were involved in the training of Muslim opponents of the pro-Moscow Afghan government.

Moscow Radio and "Pravda" repeated the allegation on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Afghanistan repeats warning about Pakistani aid to rebels

ISLAMABAD, March 24 (R) — Afghanistan has again accused neighboring Pakistan of housing special training camps for guerrillas launching attacks across its border, the Soviet news agency Tass reported from Kabul.

A government statement Friday said it had asked Pakistan numerous times to stop helping its opponents but that their activities had increased.

The statement came at a time of increasing tension in relations between the two countries.

Diplomatic sources said Afghanistan fired about 20 shells into Pakistan last week, falling near a camp sheltering Afghan refugees. They caused no casualties.

The Afghan government statement said "traitors" who fled

after the change of government in Kabul last April were undergoing special training in Pakistan "to conduct subversive actions in Afghanistan."

Pakistan is sheltering about 35,000 refugees from Afghanistan but recently insisted that it is not allowing any training or permitting any camps to be used as bases for strikes across the border.

"The government of Pakistan, which claims to want friendship and good relations with Afghanistan, despite numerous contacts with it by the Afghan authorities, failed to put an end to the activities of these elements. Moreover, such activities became more active," the statement alleged.

It appeared to be referring to fighting in eastern provinces of

Afghanistan where tribesmen are reported to be struggling to topple the pro-Soviet government in the capital.

Exiled dissident groups in Peshawar, just this side of the Khyber Pass, who claim to speak for the guerrillas, said fighting has increased since they declared a Jihad two weeks ago.

The Afghan statement said reports of their activities emanated from the Pakistan capital of Islamabad and other towns.

Some imperialist countries and left extremist aggressors — another name for the Chinese — were giving them major assistance, it claimed.

Relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan have been troubled ever since Pakistan was created out of a division of British-ruled India 31 years ago.

Commando bomb kills Israeli

TEL AVIV, March 24 (AP) — One person was killed Friday when a commando bomb exploded near a Jerusalem taxi stand, police said. Fourteen others were wounded.

Police said a 72-year-old Israeli man died of his wounds several hours after the blast, which occurred about 3 p.m. (1330 GMT).

Police searched the area in the Jewish section of Jerusalem and

arrested a number of suspects. They would not release details of the investigation.

The bomb exploded in a trash can near a line of travelers waiting to take a taxi to Tel Aviv. The stand is near Zion Square, a heavily-traveled area where a number of commando bombs had been placed before.

In Beirut, the Palestinian Liberation Organization claimed

responsibility for the attack.

A statement from the PLO's Military Command said the explosion was part of a campaign to escalate commando activity to counter the expected signing of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in Washington Monday.

The PLO said 30 Israelis suffered injuries in the blast.



SURRENDER: Occupants of a car surrender to Kurdish guerrillas after a long chase, near Samandaj, Iran, Thursday. The car had passed in front of the revolutionary committee. A Shah's portrait and ammunition were found inside the car. (AP photo)

Chad president, premier resign; 8-man state council takes over

KHARTOUM, March 24 (R) — Chad President Felix Malloum and Prime Minister Hissene Habre Friday handed in their resignation to a provisional state council set up under an agreement ending civil war in the central African country, the Sudan news agency reported.

The peace agreement was signed last week in the northern Nigerian city of Kano by leaders of the warring factions, including Malloum and Habre.

The eight-member State Council, in which the four rival factions are represented, will run the country until a provisional government is formed early next month, the agency reported from the Chad capital of N'Djamena.

The council is headed by Goukouni Oueddei, leader of the Libyan-backed National Liberation Front (Frolinat) guerrillas.

The resignation ceremony was presided over by the commander of Nigerian troops sent to Chad to police the ceasefire.

The agency said the council members were: Sheikh Ibn Omer, Revolutionary Council member of Frolinat, Interior Minister Muhammad Nouri and Economy and Planning Minister Mahamat Saleh Ahmat, representing Habre, Abu Bakr Muhammad Abdel Rahman and Idris Adam from the Popular Front for Liberation of Chad, and Barma Ramadan Omer, President Malloum's former diplomatic

adviser, and Col. Kamougi Wadal Abdelgadir, his police commander.

Guerrillas from northern Chad have been waging war against the south for over 12 years.

But the situation became critical for President Malloum last month when fighting broke out in N'Djamena between his troops and fighters loyal to Prime Minister Habre, a former guerrilla leader.

In April last year Frolinat guerrillas thrust southward toward the capital, prompting France to send 2,500 troops to Chad.

France announced three days ago it was withdrawing the troops following the Kano peace agreement.

Departing Saudi unit replaced by Lebanese troops

BEIRUT, March 24 (AP) — Saudi troops of an Arab peacekeeping army withdrew from key positions in battle-prone Beirut Friday and were replaced by Lebanese Army soldiers without incident.

Some 250 Lebanese troops took up the vacated positions in the eastern sector of the capital after attempts the night before were thwarted by gun-wielding rightist militiamen. Right-wing Lebanese leaders ordered their gunmen to desist Friday, and the army arrived to a warm welcome by the embattled residents of the area.

Hundreds of civilians lined the streets and threw rice and rose water in the traditional Lebanese greeting as the bare-headed soldiers pulled up in armored personnel carriers.

This was the first time the regrouped army has taken charge

in the capital since the national force disintegrated during the 1975-76 civil war.

Saudi Arabia recalled its 1,350-man contingent of the Arab Deterrent Force on grounds it was needed for defense purposes back home.

The soldiers took over the Karantina bridge, scene of heavy fighting last fall, the 25-story Rizk Tower, and the Sodeco crossing point between eastern and western sectors of the capital.

Jerusalem violence averted

TEL AVIV, March 24 (AP) — A Muslim religious leader averted violence in the old city of Jerusalem Saturday by telling a crowd of stone-throwing Arab youth that police would not allow Jews to pray at the holy Temple Mount, Israel radio reported.

The radio said the crowd was reacting to rumors that a group of Jews was planning to pray at Judaism's holiest site, where the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque now stand.

Police were not immediately available for comment.

Palestinians hurled rocks and bottles in a nearby quarter of the old city, but the incident caused no injuries. Some merchants closed their shops in protest of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty to be signed Monday, according to the radio.

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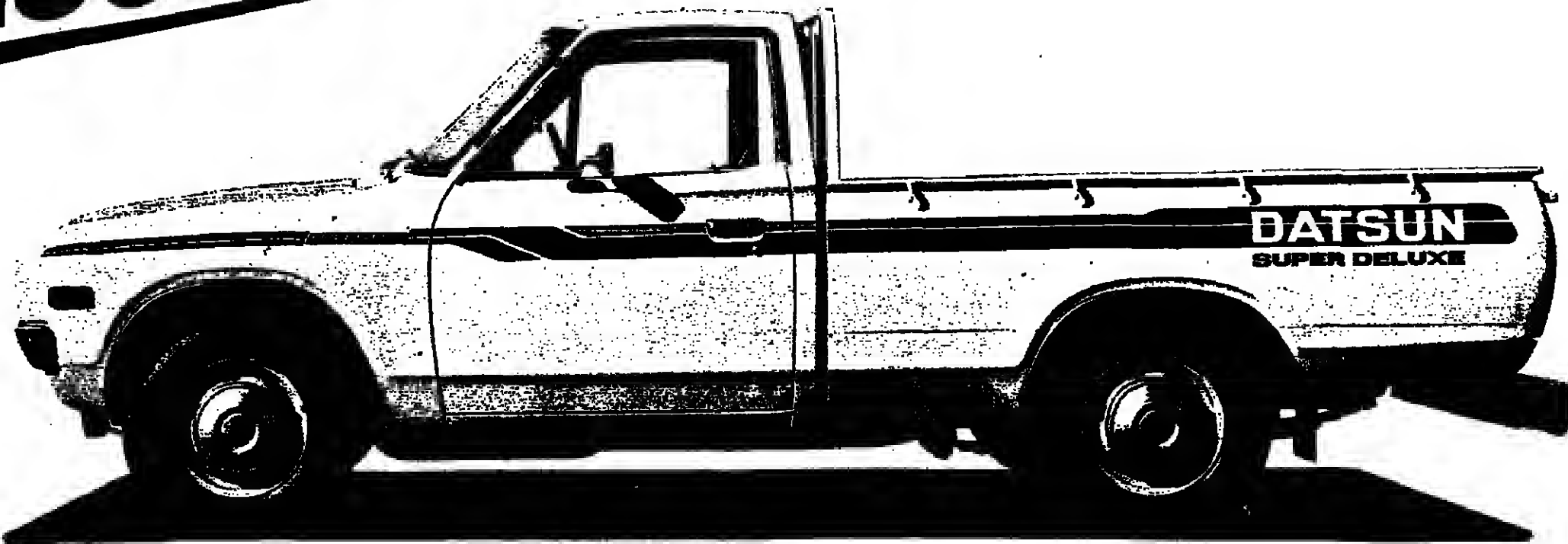
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Little found by U.S. panel in S. African bribe probe

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP) — The chairman of the House of Representatives Ethics Committee said Friday some current and former members of Congress took subsidized trips to South Africa, but he said the committee has found no evidence of wrongdoing by any member.

Rep. Charles Bennett, a Florida Democrat, also denied published reports that the committee has closed its investigation into allegations that South Africa attempted to influence American opinion by setting up a slush fund to buy favor.

But he acknowledged the South African investigation was considered to have low priority because of a lack of evidence on illegal actions. He called investigation results so far "pretty much a dry hole."

Bennett said his committee has found no evidence that any

member of Congress illegally accepted campaign contributions from any citizen of South Africa. Contributions from foreign nationals were prohibited in 1974 but were legal before that time.

Bennett declined to give details of the investigation, but sources said the committee has looked into three cases involving current members and several others involving former legislators.

Earlier reports indicated as many as 50 congressmen, many of them no longer in office, made trips to South Africa.

House rules allow congressmen to make subsidized trips as long as no expenses are not paid by a foreign government.

They are also allowed to make subsidized trips paid for by a foreign government if the house says the trip is a "fact-finding" mission. That rule was passed to allow China and other countries with

similar political systems to subsidize trips.

One of the cases investigated by the committee involved a trip in 1973 in which the South Africa Foundation paid a fare and arranged accommodations for Rep. William Wampler, (R-Va.) and John O'Neal, then chief counsel to the House Agriculture Committee.

In August, the Justice Department won a court approved agreement in which South African sugar lobbyists admitted they had secretly financed some trips for members of Congress through the foundation.

Wampler also acknowledged at that time that he took the trip and that the foundation paid for his air fare and lodgings. But he said he had no knowledge that the South African Sugar Association paid for any part of the trip.

Bennett acknowledged the committee had looked into Wampler's trip. "There was nothing to it. There was no rule or regulation or ethical standard that prohibited it," he said.

The chairman said the committee had one investigator and one attorney currently working on both South African cases.

"The people who are working on it (South Africa) are collecting information generally in the field," Bennett said. And he added, "They've really been actively working on accusations made against members of Congress."

The former director of the South African Department of Information has alleged that his country maintained a secret slush fund to pay "opinion formers and decision makers" to support South Africa.

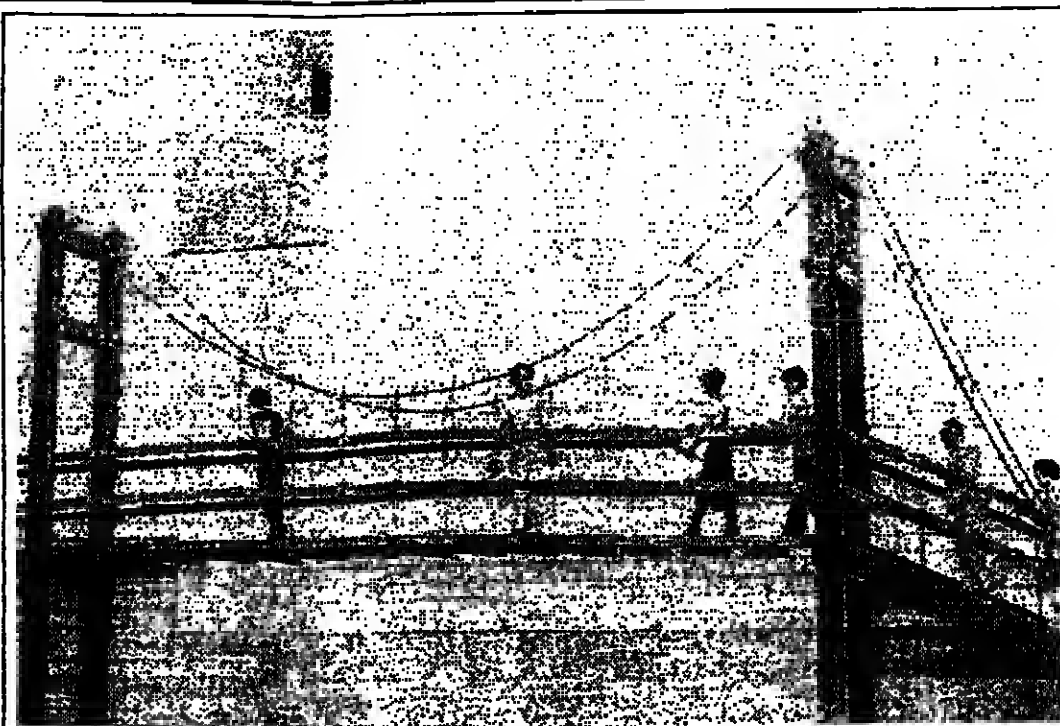
The former director, Eschel Rhodde, denied that any American politicians were paid off. But American citizens who represent South African interests in this country have made contributions to political campaigns.

Employees of South Africa's Principal public relations firm in the United States, for example, gave nearly \$17,000 to various political campaigns in the three years the firm has represented South Africa.

But the chairman of that firm, Sydney Baron, said he never received funds from South Africa for political contributions and no South African official ever gave him instructions or suggestions about making such contributions.

"They were all personal contributions," said Baron. "They were unrelated to any of my clients. They were all based on personal friendship for the candidate or on my belief in his philosophy. I have made no contributions at any time on behalf of any client."

Baron himself gave more than \$6,000 to candidates in 1976 — a presidential election year — including \$1,000 contributions to Jimmy Carter, Sen. Vance Hartke, (D-Ind.).



VIEW OF THE BRIDGE: One of the most famous sights in the U.S. is San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. A local car park has built a miniature. It arches over the parking lot and is made of wood.

56 kilometers from Kampala

Uganda exiles resume advance

NAIROBI, March 24 (AP) — Tanzanian invaders and Ugandan exiles opposed to President Idi Amin have resumed their drive toward Kampala and were reported within 56 kilometers of the Ugandan capital Friday, diplomats and exile spokesmen said.

The sources said the anti-Amin forces began advancing a few days ago from Lukaya, a town 80 kilometers southwest of Kampala. The invaders were reported to have reached the Roman Catholic mission village of Mitata Maria on the shore of Lake Victoria — their deepest penetration in the five-month war.

Official Tanzanian and Ugandan sources were silent on the conflict.

Diplomats said that, despite the advance on Kampala, there was no fighting and "no real war front." They said Ugandan units fell back to Mpigi, about 40 kilometers southwest of the capital, without making contact.

Diplomats described exile accounts of heavy fighting as highly exaggerated. Residents of Kampala said by telephone that the city was calm and that daily life was normal.

"Tanzania invaded Uganda earlier this year in retaliation for Uganda's October invasion of northern Tanzania."

Amin and Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere have been at odds since Nyerere gave refuge to Milton Obote, the Ugandan president Amin overthrew in a 1971 coup. In another development, Tanzania is to temporarily open its border with Kenya in ten days time to allow the transportation of up to 100,000 metric tons of maize for Zambia.

According to Radio Zambia, the national network, a Kenyan Maize Board official said Friday that trucks of the Kenyan National Transport Company

(KENATCO) would bring the maize in and return to Kenya with Zambian copper and zinc to be shipped to Europe through the Kenyan port of Mombasa.

Kenya lost a lucrative business with Zambia when the border was closed by Tanzania more than two years ago after that country blamed Kenya for the collapse of the East African Economic and Transport Community.

The Kenyan official, the radio reported, said that President Nyerere had agreed that the border could be opened for the maize delivery, although there were several details still to be resolved.

Zambia currently is facing serious shipping problems, paralyzing the Tanzania-Zambia (Tazara) Railway system, as a result of a wildcat strike staged by more than 3,000 workers. The Chinese-built Tazara network links landlocked Zambia with Tanzania's port of Dar es Salaam.

U.S. judge restricts evidence in journal's suit over bomb story

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. (AP) — "The Progressive" magazine says public court records now contain the type of sensitive information about hydrogen bombs that the U.S. government does not want published, but a judge Friday ordered that part of those records be kept secret.

U.S. district Judge Robert Warren ordered that portions of affidavits filed in the case be kept from the public. The affidavits were filed in support of the magazine's defense of its right to publish an article on hydrogen bombs.

"The documents held in camera will remain in that status, pending further order of the court," Warren said in an order involving the government's civil suit against the magazine.

Warren, who issued a temporary restraining order in the case two weeks ago, has scheduled a hearing for Monday on the government request for an injunction to keep the Madison, Wisconsin-based magazine from publishing an article by Howard Morland.

Government attorneys contend Morland's article contains secret data restricted by the U.S. Atomic Energy Act and say its publication could lead to proliferation of nuclear weapons.

In a motion to dismiss the government's suit, the magazine had said, "Any journalist or investigator can logically determine the same basic conclusions as those contained in the article," based on the court record.

In asking the court to dismiss the complaint, the defense said that the public court record in the case "now contains a compendium of some, but not all, of the public literature on the concepts to which the government objects."

The magazine asked Warren vacate the restraining order, deny the motion for a preliminary injunction and dismiss the complaint.

The order followed a closing hearing Friday morning, and Warren told attorneys in the case that they could not comment on proceedings.

India in uproar over 'blacklist' for state media

NEW DELHI, March 24 (AP) — Controversy continued to flare Friday over a disclosure that scholars and journalists have been banned from political programs: the state-run radio and television networks by Prime Minister Morarji Desai's government.

"There has been no blacklist as such of any person," Information and Broadcasting Minister L.K. Advani said during a parliamentary debate. The list, confirmed by Advani last Monday, creating a stir in Parliament and in the Indian press.

He said the 17 men, who include an eminent sinologist, a university vice chancellor, "could be booked for propaganda which were of a non-political nature," he explained.

Advani said those on the list, which he drew up last June, had publicly praised the 1975-77 State of Emergency imposed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. They have been banned to strengthen the media's credibility which had suffered during the 19-mor Emergency, he added.

Harikesh Bahadur, a member of Desai's ruling Janata Party, joined opposition members criticizing the list, saying a government-owned media should not try to take revenge against supporters of the emergency.

Space shuttle heads for Cape Canaveral

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — Columbia, the shuttle destined to help Americans commute between Earth and space, arrived in Florida's Panhandle Friday on the next-to-last leg of a troubled cross-country odyssey.

Shackled ungraciously to the back of a Boeing 747 jet, the 77-ton shuttle arrived to cheers of hundreds of spectators at this Air Force base, a few miles from Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials planned to spend the night at Eglin, then complete Columbia's journey Saturday with a hop to Cape Canaveral, Florida, home base for the reusable shuttle.

Final touchdown at Cape Canaveral is tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning.

Delays

Reaching its destination will end weeks of frustration.

The original schedule called for Columbia to complete its trip to Cape Canaveral on March 10.

Yvonne Mitchell, English actress, dies of cancer

LONDON, March 24 (AP) — English actress and writer Yvonne Mitchell died of cancer at her home in London Saturday, her family said. She was 53.

She died peacefully, her brother-in-law Roland Lotinga said.

Miss Mitchell first appeared on the stage in 1939 as Estella in Dickens' "Great Expectations," and she went on to become one of England's leading stage and screen actresses.

Her performance as Cordelia in "King Lear" at Stratford upon Avon in 1953 was hailed as her finest achievement.

But mechanical problems and bad weather in California delayed departure until Tuesday. The piggy-back creature was hung up in El Paso for two days because of severe thunderstorms and high winds whipping through west and central Texas.

The craft cannot be exposed to rain because about a fourth of the 75-ton shuttle's heat-resistant outside tiles still must be installed.

The shuttle is half-rocket, half-plane and is designed to make 100 round trips into space. It will be launched from Cape Canaveral by a rocket and then glide back to Earth like an airplane.

Ben Lyon dies on stage after lengthy career

LOS ANGELES, March 24 (AP) — Actor, radio personality, and former 20th Century Fox casting director Ben Lyon died at sea aboard the "Queen Elizabeth II," his family announced Friday. Lyon was 78.

Lyon, who starred in several movies during World War I and World War II, was performing on the Honolulu-to-Long Beach cruise when he collapsed on the stage, said his daughter-in-law, Kimberly Selter.

"While at 20th Century Fox after World War II, Lyon discovered Marilyn Monroe and Richard Widmark."

Marilyn walked into his office, Lyon told interviewer years later, and he thought her gorgeous.

"I said 'Honey, what's on your mind?' and she said 'I want to get into pictures' and I said 'Honey, you are in pictures.'"

Lyon got his own big break on the U.S. stage with "Mary the Third" in which he appeared with another unknown named Humphrey Bogart.

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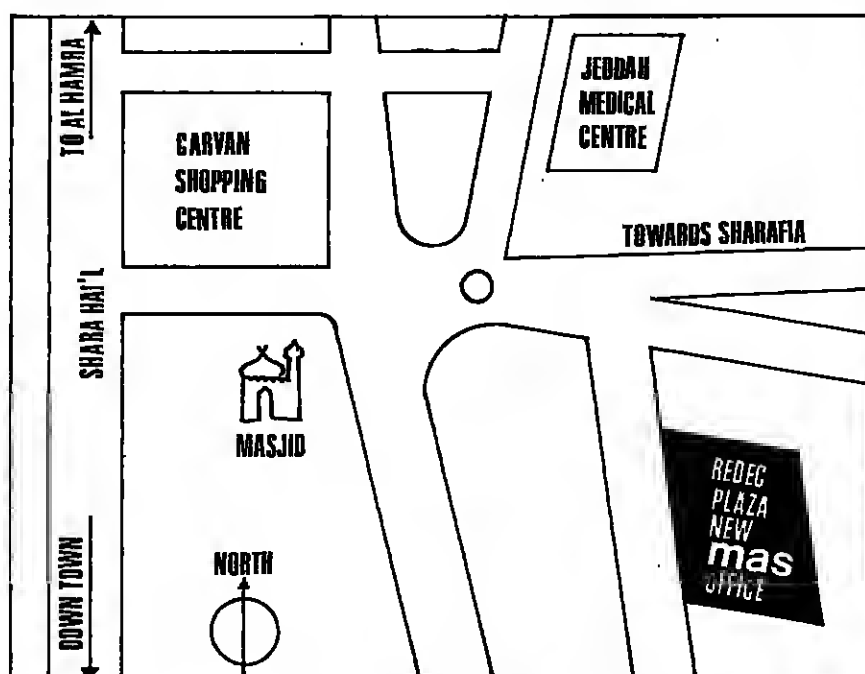
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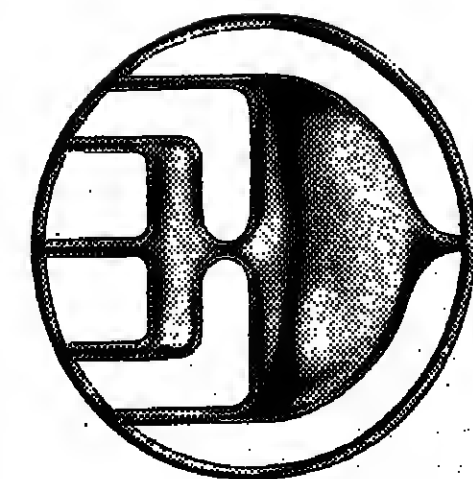


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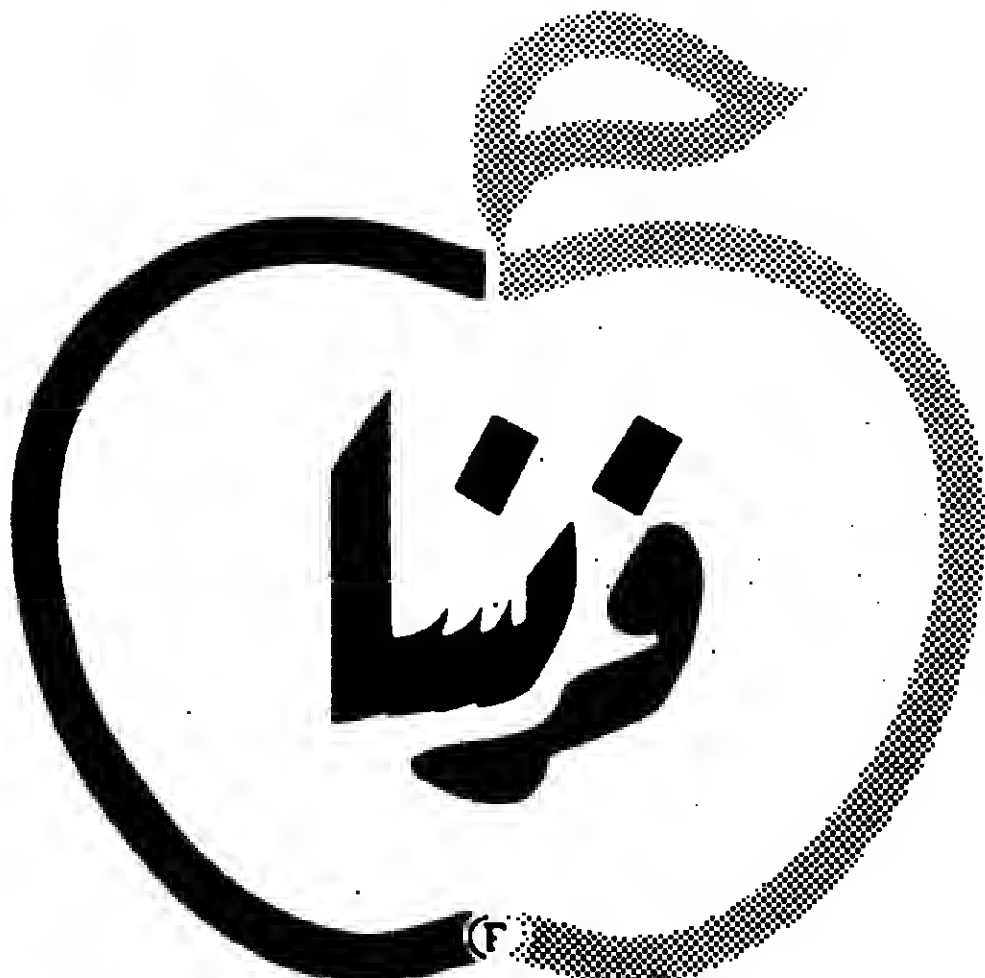
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Washington court sentences Cubans

Two given life for murder of Letelier

WASHINGTON March 24 (Agencies) — A federal judge has imposed life sentences on two anti-Castro Cubans convicted of killing former Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier, drawing angry shouts from supporters of the defendants' political beliefs.

The commotion started moments after Judge Barrington Parker ordered life terms for Guillermo Novo Sampol and Alvin Ross Diaz and an eight-year sentence for Guillermo's brother, Ignacio, convicted of a lesser role in the 1976 car-bomb assassination.

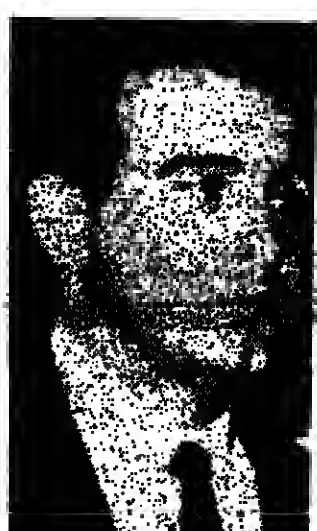
"Viva Cuba libre" shouted one spectator in the courtroom, which was filled with U.S. marshals. Another shouted, "today we suffer, but maybe tomorrow you will suffer by the Communists, too."

Guillermo Novo, 39, and Ross, 46, will be eligible for parole after 30 years. Ignacio Novo could get parole after serving just under three years. All three said they will appeal.

Parker rejected the defendants' claims that they were scapegoats because of their anti-Castro activities, and called the assassinations of Letelier and a co-worker,



Ignacio Novo Sampol



Guillermo Novo Sampol

Ronni Moffitt, a "monstrous and cold-blooded" crime.

"You have abused and offended the hospitality of this country," Parker told the defendants. "You smuggled in a brand of terrorism, fanaticism and hate that has no place in this country."

Letelier, Chilean ambassador from 1971-73, and Mrs. Moffitt were killed Sept. 21, 1976, when a

remote-control bomb exploded under Letelier's car as he drove along Washington's Embassy Row.

The Chilean government has denied any involvement in the plot to kill Letelier. He served the Socialist government of President Salvador Allende, overthrown in a 1973 military coup which brought

Gen. Augusto Pinochet's junta to power.

The three Cubans were found guilty on Feb. 14 after a dramatic five-week trial in which key testimony was provided by Michael Townley, an admitted agent of the Chilean intelligence service (DINA) who said he had placed the bomb under the car.

He became the government's star witness in exchange for a self-change and the promise of an early parole. He has not been sentenced yet.

Townley, 36, from Waterloo, Iowa, testified that DINA had ordered the murder of the exiled diplomat and carried it out with the aid of the anti-Castro Cubans.

Gen. Manuel Contreras, the former head of DINA, and two other top DINA officials have also been charged with murder in the Letelier case.

They are being held in Santiago pending a Chilean Supreme Court ruling on the extraditions requests submitted by the U.S. government.

"We are making every effort to extradite the three Chileans. They must be brought to trial," U.S. Attorney Earl Silbert told Judge Parker.



WIDOWED: Mrs. Isabel Letelier, widow of Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier, outside the Washington court where three Cubans were convicted Feb. 14 in the murder of her husband. Friday two of the men were given life sentences, and the third eight years. (AP photo).

Callaghan government unlikely to survive, home secretary says

LONDON, March 24 (AP) — Home Secretary Merlyn Rees said Friday night the Labor government has little chance of surviving a "no confidence" motion in the House of Commons Wednesday.

Rees' surprising statement in a television interview was the climax to a day of election fever during which stock market prices soared on the London exchange, spurred by the prospect of an end to five years of Socialist government.

The home secretary, a close confidant of Prime Minister James Callaghan and manager of the campaign that brought Callaghan to the Labor Party leadership in 1976, was interviewed on the BBC's "Nationwide" program.

"Do you think you are going to survive?" interviewer Robert McKenzie asked Rees. "At the bottom of your heart, do you think you are?"

"No," Rees replied.

"You will not survive?" McKenzie pursued. "Well, if you ask me at the bottom of my heart, I don't know," Rees said. "But I have just a feeling that at this moment we have a very good chance of being defeated."

Defeat on the motion introduced by the Conservative Party would force Callaghan to resign and ask Queen Elizabeth to dissolve Parliament. A general election would follow, probably in May.

Italian deputy premier ill after cardiac arrest

ROME, March 24 (AP) — Deputy Premier Ugo La Malfa, who suffered a cardiac arrest early Saturday, has lapsed into a "deep" coma, Rome's Villa Margherita Hospital reported.

La Malfa's condition was described as grave.

The 75-year-old leader of the Republican Party had made an unsuccessful attempt to form a government last month. He was named by Christian Democrat Premier Giulio Andreotti Tuesday as deputy chief of the 21-member cabinet and minister of the budget.

La Malfa was "half unconscious" when he was taken to the hospital shortly after 7:30 a.m. He was visited by President Sandro Pertini, Andreotti and other government leaders.

The hony-faced, spectacled politician from Sicily has headed the tiny but influential Republican Party which claims to represent the "conscience" of Italian politics.

Strongly pro-Western, La Malfa is a monetary and economic specialist who has long advocated

austerity and wage controls as the only solution to Italy's inflation and other economic woes.

In a television program last year La Malfa confronted Luciano Lama, the powerful Communist labor leader, and sharply attacked union policies seeking higher wages and other improvements for workers. He said unions pursued the "privileges" of employed workers at the expense of the jobless.

"Someone has to do something," La Malfa once told an interviewer. "When the government suggests curbing wage increases, it gets no response. When public spending is rising and rising, the government seems impotent to deal with that problem. This is a country that could have a great future and now it is destroying itself. No political party really seems to do anything because none wants to be unpopular."

La Malfa's Republicans drew three per cent of the votes in the 1976 elections, winning 14 out of 630 seats.

Youths battle riot police

Steelworkers' Paris march ends in running fight

PARIS, March 24 (R) — The French government Saturday faced union demands for an inquiry into how a peaceful protest march in Paris against unemployment degenerated into wrecking and violence.

At the end of the 70,000-strong march Friday outside the Paris Opera House, masked youths appeared and fought running battles with riot police, setting fire to shops and cars. Nearly 70 police were injured, some seriously, and 27 people were arrested.

The Communist-dominated Confederation Generale du Travail (CGT) union, which organized the march said the demonstrators had nothing to do with the bands of wreckers — some of them helmeted and armed

with iron bars and Molotov cocktails — who ran riot in the central boulevards.

"The Interior Ministry must find out for whom these groups are acting and who is pulling the strings," the CGT said in a statement.

To pass impasse of reform

Interim Belgian cabinet proposed

BRUSSELS, March 24 (AP) — Caretaker Premier Paul vanden Boeynants has proposed forming a temporary Belgian government to deal with pressing social and financial issues and leave constitutional reform, a major stumbling

block to the formation of a permanent government, for future discussions.

Vanden Boeynants made the proposal late Friday afternoon. He had earlier notified King Baudouin of his plans.

The youths smashed all shop windows within reach, leaving a trail of destruction along hundreds of yards of the capital's streets.

The violence followed a highly disciplined march by 70,000 workers called to protest government austerity policies and plans

to cut 21,000 jobs in the crisis-torn steel industry.

The indiscriminate attack on property had the hallmarks of an anarchist movement which has emerged in France.

In incidents in the past year, gangs who call themselves "Autonomists" armed with iron bars have smashed property.

Police say the "Autonomists" have not formed any central organization, while the autonomists themselves say they want to destroy society.

Police said they had made 24 arrests. Total police casualties were nearly 70. One policeman was kicked in the head as he lay on the ground and a police inspector was said to be dangerously ill after a petrol bomb exploded in his face.

The mobs involved in the fighting did not appear to be linked with the workers' march. Most of the youths wore crash helmets and masked their faces with scarves as protection against tear gas.

They dragged tables and chairs from pavement cafes into the middle of the street, adding furniture from looted shops and traffic signs ripped from the sidewalk.

The boulevards of the march route were devastated in an orgy of destruction. Witnesses were reminded of scenes during the Paris student riots of May 1968.

The outburst of violence contrasted with the perfect order of the march. Stewards kept strict control of the crowds and demonstrators obeyed orders to disperse peacefully as they reached the Opera.

Vanden Boeynants' tentative solution to the current political crisis could open the way for new elections, possibly on June 10 — the same day elections for the European Parliament are to take place.

Vanden Boeynants has given the leadership of the six parties of the previous government of Social Christian Premier Leo Tindemans until 6 p.m. Saturday to let him know how they feel about his proposed interim government.

San Salvador hostages may still be alive

SAN SALVADOR, March 24 (R) — The government of El Salvador says that it believes three foreign hostages threatened with death by their left wing kidnappers are still alive although the deadline for their killing has passed.

The men — two Britons and a Japanese businessman — were kidnapped by the Armed Forces of Nationalist Resistance (FARN).

FARN claimed responsibility this week for the shooting of a fourth hostage, Salvadorean businessman and Israeli Consul Ernesto Liebes.

The kidnappers are demanding the release of five jailed comrades, a cash ransom and publication of their political manifesto.

Defense Minister Gen. Frederico Castillo said intelligence reports indicated the three foreigners were alive although FARN had set a Wednesday deadline for their killing.

The hostages are British bankers Ian Massie and Michael Chatterton and Japanese businessman Takakazu Suzuki.

Egg foretells wrath to come

BOGOTA, March 24 (R) — An egg which carries a message apparently forecasting the end of the world has been referred to a bishop and agricultural experts.

A peasant woman in the village of Tebaida, 350 kilometers west of here, found the egg in her chicken coop earlier this week.

On the shell, in raised letters, were the words, "Juicio Final. Arrepentios." — "Final Judgment. Repent."

The woman took the egg to her priest, who has referred the matter to the Bishop of Armenia Province, Libardo Ramirez Gomez. He has yet to pronounce.

The Colombian Agricultural Institute has been asked to make its own study.

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U.N. in Kashmir

By Tyler Marshall

RAWALPINDI

"Things have been quiet for some time now," the Swedish general said, gazing out over the plains east of here to the mountains and Kashmir beyond.

Brig-Gen. Stig Waldenstrom commands the small, all-but-forgotten contingent of U.N. military observers that polices the 500-mile-long ceasefire line between India and Pakistan in Kashmir. It is nearly 30 years since the force was first dispatched in July, 1949.

Its presence is a reminder that Kashmir, although it has been pushed from the headlines by more recent conflicts, still simmers as a temporarily dormant, but unresolved world problem.

The very names given the disputed state by the two countries reflect the temporary nature of the present solution. The section controlled by Pakistan, for example, is known to Pakistanis as "Azad Kashmir" — free Kashmir. In India, the same land is referred to as "Pakistan-occupied Kashmir."

The part controlled by India is the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, the name by which the entire area was known in the days of British India.

Although the Kashmir region is heavily Muslim, the state's Hindu Maharaja decided to join India instead of Pakistan upon independence. Subsequent wars have left part of the state in Pakistani hands. Although economically underdeveloped, the mountains of Kashmir are strategically important because they contain the headwaters of all major rivers that irrigate the fertile Punjab areas of India and Pakistan.

It is eight years since the last war in Kashmir ended, and today only 32 U.N. observers, seasoned officers from nine armies, man 13 field stations from Astor and Skardu in the north to Sialkot and Ja in the south.

From these stations two- and three-member observer teams police a ceasefire line drawn after the last war between India and Pakistan in 1971.

The teams spend most of their time moving through the rough, mountainous country — either on foot or in white jeeps marked with large black "U.N." lettering — to visit the Indian and Pakistani army posts along the ceasefire line.

At one time, the U.N. group had as many as 70 observers, but in recent years, the number has dwindled. "It depends on the situation," Waldenstrom explained.

Until the first of this year, the group also had use of an Australian air force transport plane to carry observer teams to their remote field stations. But the plane was taken for a more pressing U.N. mission in Namibia, and now the teams must go by jeep.

"It makes for some horrifying journeys," Australian army Lt. Col. Rodney Ross, the group's chief operations officer, said. "To get from the group's winter headquarters in Rawalpindi to Punch (a distance of 100 miles as the crow flies) can take two days."

At one time, the U.S. Air Force had loaned a plane to the group but it, too, is gone now.

The small size of the group makes it impossible for them to be anything more than observers. "We can only operate as an early warning if something happens," Ross explained. "We are totally unarmed, so there is no way we can try to get between the two sides if shooting starts."

In the event of trouble, Waldenstrom has direct links with Pakistan's military ruler, President Zia Ul-Haq, and the Indian Army Chief of Staff, O.P. Malhotra. Waldenstrom is also directly responsible to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for his actions.

That the U.N. observer group, officially known as the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan, has had little publicity in recent years is in part deliberate. It is only recently that its doors have been open to reporters.

"The Chilean general who commanded the group for 12 years before my arrival six months ago refused to give interviews," Waldenstrom said. The new commander has lifted the ban, but not completely. "I'd like to have people know we are still here, but I'm afraid I can't go into any details of our work. The situation is still delicate, you know."

Beautiful, mountainous Kashmir has been a matter of dispute between India and Pakistan ever since the two nations were created out of British India in 1947.

The first of the three wars the two neighbors have fought over Kashmir broke out late in the year of independence. In January 1948, both sides appealed to the United Nations, and the Security Council responded that same month by establishing the U.N. Commission for India and Pakistan.

The commission helped to bring about the end of hostilities early the following year and, subsequently, to develop the first ceasefire line.

In 1965, India and Pakistan fought a short, bitter war over Kashmir, and in 1971 they went to war over the crisis in East Pakistan, the flight of Bengali refugees into eastern India, and the ensuing formation of Bangladesh. Six months after the 1971 war ended, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her Pakistani counterpart, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, agreed on the present ceasefire line.

From Nov. 1 through May 1 each year, the U.N. observers move their winter headquarters in Rawalpindi, where the weather is mild. So severe is the winter and so rugged the terrain along the ceasefire line, Waldenstrom said, that the three northernmost stations must be abandoned during the winter because they are inaccessible for resupply.

"The station at Skardu is only 70 miles south of K-2, the world's second-highest mountain (28,250 feet)," Ross said.

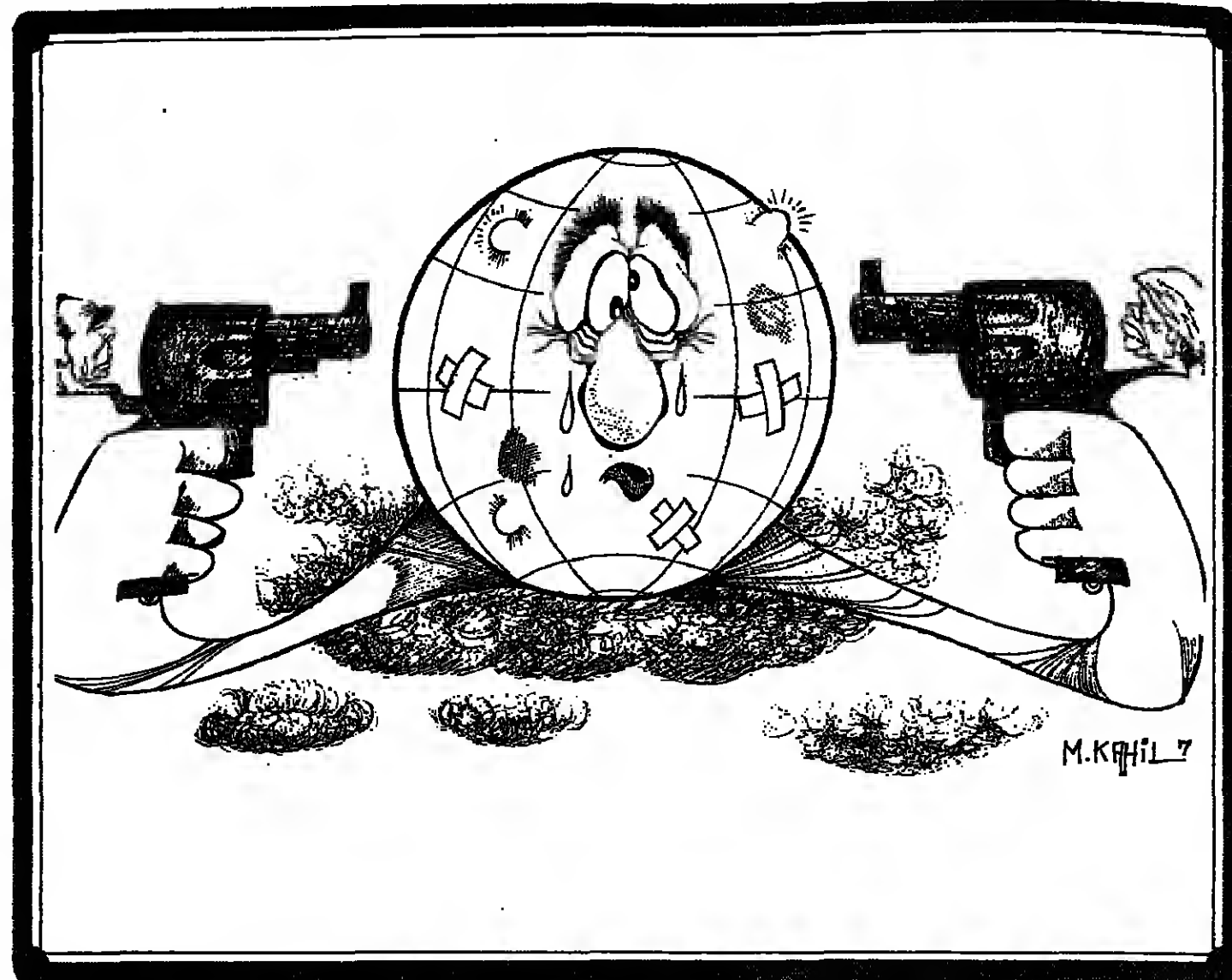
At the end of April, Waldenstrom will prepare to take the observer group's headquarters on its annual migration to the Kashmir summer capital of Srinagar on the Indian side of the ceasefire line.

Observers spend an average of three weeks each month in the field checking Pakistani and Indian army units.

"The idea is to present as wide a presence as possible," Ross said. "We want to convince both sides that the U.N. is taking an interest and it is an active one."

Moving in the mountainous terrain is difficult. "We have units to visit at 20,000 feet," Ross said. "You have to be physically fit to just make the rounds."

Despite its 30 years in Kashmir, and the eight years of restless peace since the last war, there is no sign that the United Nations will pull out. Said one senior officer: "It could be another five to 10 years, or even longer. This isn't something that will die quickly." (LAT)



Laos on a war footing

By Robert Whyman

VIENTIANE —

Laos has virtually moved on to a war footing as its relations with China steadily deteriorate, though Chinese troops have now withdrawn after penetrating into northern Laos.

Chinese personnel have begun to leave at the request of the Lao government, and the population is being mobilized to face what the authorities call "the Chinese threat to Laos." China declared last week that its troops have completed their withdrawal from Vietnam, but as the two sides try to decide on a venue for negotiations, the focus of their conflict shifts to Laos.

"We are in a state of emergency," said Minister of Information Sisana Sisane. "You can say we are now on a war footing." Laos, which was reluctant to antagonize China in the past, despite the leadership's predominantly pro-Vietnam stance, abandoned all pretense of neutrality in the past three weeks.

Peking hurt and angered, has accused Laos of following the "anti-China policy of the Soviet Union and Hanoi."

Compulsory seminars — a regular routine under the Communist government — are now devoted to the Chinese threat to Laos posed by troops massed along the border, and steps the population must take to counter it. Officials and schools are practicing military drills, and the authorities have called for 20,000 "volunteers" from Vientiane province to boost the nation's small army. Civilian flights to Luang Namtha and Phongsaly provinces, on the border with China, and to some other areas, have been cancelled, and the aircraft apparently requisitioned by the military since the beginning of the month. "We had to use the planes for resupply purposes" Sisana said, declining to elaborate.

Sisana said in an interview that mass meetings would be held throughout the country to stiffen people's resolve to oppose Chinese aggression. A rally was held two weeks ago in Luang Prabang, the old royal capital, and the government news agency reported a mass rally in Phongsaly at which thousands of soldiers and workers vowed to stand ready to fight.

A rally was held in Vientiane last week — the first anti-Chinese demonstration that anyone here could recall, and certainly the first since the Pathet Lao takeover in 1975.

Some 10,000 people (according to an official estimate) representing army, civil servants, monks, students and women groups attended the government sponsored rally to protest China's alleged massing of troops on the border and to pledge support for Vietnam.

The same day the first group of Chinese experts — a geological survey team with a United Nations contract — flew out of Vientiane airport, as demanded by the Lao government. Chinese ambassador to Laos Xi Hwang said that remaining Chinese experts — who teach pingpong and kindergarten — would also leave when they received formal notice from the Lao ministries concerned.

But he said it would take longer for Chinese road workers to leave Laos "because of all their heavy construction equipment. Laos last week reiterated the request first made the week before that China withdraw some 600 road builders — who have completed 500 miles of roads in northern Laos since an agreement signed in 1961 — who it claimed were digging trenches, in preparation for war. The first forthright propaganda salvo against China was a declaration March 6 in which Laos accused China of massing troops along their common border and of sending spies and weapons across to subvert tribal minorities.

In an interview last week, the information minister told "The

Guardian" newspaper that two correspondents of the official Chinese News Agency Xinhua accredited to Laos were among those asked to leave. As for Chinese aid which would now come to an end, he said it was insignificant in quality.

"Since 1976, Peking let us know it would not send more aid, but would fulfill existing contracts," Sisana said. "So the only aid projects since then have been road construction and the setting up of a textile factory at Udomsal. Credits extended to us to buy Chinese commodities agreed up to the end of 1977 were carried over into part of 1978, but that was the end."

Sisana, a veteran Pathet Laoquiser who fought the Japanese, French and then American domination said that the independence of Laos, a country of three million, was now threatened by China, a country of 900 million. Chinese units which penetrated at two points into the northern province of Luan Namtha, along Chinese-built roads, had now withdrawn, but Chinese forces were still poised along the 240 mile frontier. He said the Chinese had also trained dissident Laos and Yao hill tribesmen to infiltrate into northern Laos and foment a rebellion against the government. "Yao and Laotian commandos based in China and supported by China have entered Lao territory for subversive activities," said Sisana, who ranks high in the party hierarchy.

He thought the Chinese incursion into Luang Namtha had made the point that if China resumed its war with Vietnam, Chinese troops would slice through Laos to hit Vietnam from its western flank. "If the war goes on, Chinese troops could cross Laos by a Chinese road they built from the (Chinese-Lao border) to Vietnam's back door at Dien Bien Phu."

Western observers consider an outright attack on Laos unlikely (Western electronic surveillance has not revealed any undue troop concentration along the China-Lao border), but believe the Chinese might instead stir up minority peoples like the Yao and Miao, large number of whose kin live in south China, and make use of Laos disaffected with the Communist government. One well informed diplomat said he was not convinced that China had assembled a dissident force of "imperialists and reactionaries" as the government here has claimed. "But they (the Chinese) must be sorely tempted to encourage dissident groups in Laos," skilful manipulation of ethnic minorities in Laos (where they make up 40 to 50 per cent of the population) and in northern Vietnam (about 15 per cent) would keep the pot boiling and provide a long-term punishment for Vietnam more effective than that China attempted to inflict with its invasion.

Western intelligence sources estimate the Vietnamese military presence in Laos to be in the order of 38,000, and say these are the backbone of Lao security forces attempting since the People's Republic was proclaimed to pacify rebellious elements. Sisana says there are no Vietnamese soldiers in Laos, only "road builders armed with AK-47s for protection against commandos," an implicit admission that armed dissidents ("commandos") pose a serious security threat. China's interest is clearly to stiffen this resistance against Laos pro-Hanoi government just as it is backing rebel forces in Cambodia since Vietnamese troops helped topple the pro-Peking Khmer Rouge regime in January. The Vietnamese armed forces may find themselves facing increasing harassment in the north of their own country where departing Chinese soldiers are believed to have handed out arms to pro-Chinese minorities, as well as in Laos and Cambodia. Peking's aim, some observers believe is a drain on Vietnam's resources that will slowly bleed the economy, and weaken that country to the point where it is forced to abandon any presumption to leadership in Indochina. —(G)

OIL TACTICS

The growing disenchantment within OPEC over what the organization sees as opportunism by major oil companies threatens to bring drastic changes to the concept of oil production and pricing. The shortage created by the 10-week halt in Iranian exports, and the resulting scramble for available oil, pushed prices on the free market to all-time highs. The resumption of exports by Iran, albeit at a moderate 2.5 million barrels a day, (from a previous 5.5 million b/d) has only helped in checking the increase, but spot market prices are still far above normal. Most of the difference is going to the oil companies.

After the Iranian crisis, several producers with capacity for higher levels of production and acting in good faith, increased their exports to dampen the effects of the shortage on a panicky industrial world. Detractors would argue that the producers were selling the extra production margin at higher prices, perhaps overlooking the fact that some of the producers have no immediate need for the additional revenue, and that "hanked" oil never depreciates in value.

The producers now find themselves in a situation where they are supplying the majors with comparatively cheap oil, that is being sold at far higher prices. Some producers argue that if the higher prices reflect true market conditions, it is an admission that their oil is undervalued. On the other hand, if the higher prices are the result of manipulation of the marketing machine, producers believe it is time for them to have a more effective role in marketing their oil.

A revolutionary change in the industry is unlikely, but the tendency for greater control by producers of the marketing machine is becoming a more attractive prospect, with government to government deals taking an increasing proportion of oil sales.

As Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher said recently, oil company profiteering can only be curbed when national oil companies take complete control of concessions, and assume a greater role in marketing oil.

Consuming countries, and the industrialized countries in particular, have avoided imposing any controls over the marketing giants, and have suffered because of this attitude. But it may become necessary for the industrial world to loosen the grip of their oil giants on the industry.

A new life

By Jimmy Burns

LISBON —

Outside Lisbon's huge sports pavilion, squeamish-looking freaks handed out leaflets urging chateaus in their black cars to join them in a "new life." It was not an inappropriate call.

The cars belonged to an odd assortment of Portuguese superstars, including politicians, ambassadors and business tycoons, who had turned up for the national congress of Portugal's leading parliamentary force, the Socialist Party.

Inside, the party was setting out to present a new image of respectability. Socialist leader Mario Soares declared: "Today nothing will be hidden, we shall show the outside world that we are not afraid of criticism." The nature of the guests and the pledges, of Soares, until the congress widely classified as one of Portugal's more arrogant politicians were put forward as a sign of change, as proof that the Portuguese Socialists were indeed beginning a new life.

During the past year the Portuguese Socialist Party has been toppled from government, suffered a crushing defeat in a local election, been fragmented by defecting party militants, and generally lost a lot of public respect.

Less than two months ago most political observers agreed that had President Antonio Ramalho Eanes decided to call a snap general election as a solution to Portugal's intractable political crisis, the Socialist Party would have lost. Now the forecast is not so clear.

At the Socialist congress earlier this month Soares went out of his way to heal the divisions and present both himself and his supporters as having a credible political future. The congress discussed a lengthy document called "Ten years in which to change Portugal," which professed to be the party's long-term vision for the regeneration of this poor and underdeveloped European country.

Both the document and Soares' speech were unanimously endorsed by both the moderates and the radicals within the party. Soares' victory was that of a compromise, no small achievement in a country still susceptible to extremes.

In effect, the Socialist leader followed the spirit of the document by saying all things to all Socialists. To warm the moderates he suggested the possibility of a future alliance with the Social Democrat Party "if the electorate so willed." To the more radical members he yelled that the Socialist Party was "still the party of the Left."

Later he went on to say that Portuguese membership of the European Common Market was a "priority" while emphasizing that this should not mean a moderation of Portugal's socialist constitution.

More important perhaps was the fact that Soares did not go all out and attack the popularly elected president as he did last summer. That move was widely believed to have cost the support of many Portuguese who still see Gen. Eanes as the only man in the country still capable of maintaining a delicate balance of power between the political parties and the ever powerful armed forces.

At the congress Soares warned against the dangers of presidentialism taking over from the political parties but stopped short of calling on either the president or his non-party government to step down.

For Soares' critics, the speech was little more than a piece of rhetorical juggling; for his defenders the leader's reluctance to come down hard on either of his party was proof of a positive neutrality which steered clear of strict ideology.

How long the Soares touch will keep a firm hold on the Socialist Party now that the congress is over remains to be seen. Scarcely had the congress finished than one of the party's oldest members, Vasco da Gama Fernandes announced his resignation. The former president of the Portuguese Assembly of Deputies claimed that he had been "duped, betrayed, and offended," not least by Soares himself.

It remains to be seen too, moreover, whether the image carved out for the party by the congress will be seen as a distinct and credible alternative which is capable of wresting the country away from the growing influence of the Right and the Left. (OFNS)

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"The United States has not protested Menahem Begin's interpretation of the proposed peace treaty with Egypt regarding self-rule for the Palestinians," according to "Al-Nadwa".

"This implies that the U.S. believes that the interpretation is in line with the clauses of the peace treaty accord as well as consistent with Begin's declarations the day he came to power in 1977. At the time, Begin described the West Bank as liberated Jewish territory. He expects Egypt to sign the agreement on the understanding that the West Bank is Jewish territory and that only the people living there might be given a measure of internal autonomy while the land remains firmly Jewish."

"The self-government proposals as they stand today indicate that there is no intention whatsoever on the part of the Israeli government to use them or allow them to be used as a bridge to

eventual self-determination and independence. Most ingredients which make for independence are absent from the proposals which merely deal with municipal and health services. Foreign policy, security, the armed forces, currency, flag, national anthem, are conspicuously absent."

"In sum, Begin and the Israel government intend to lend their occupation a legitimate label, which is being provided by Egypt, so that they may perpetuate their control over the region, build more Jewish settlements and stifle local and international opposition."

"So far, it seems that the United States is convinced that the Israelis are right. Egypt is desperate to sign a peace treaty whatever the cost."

"Ayatollah Khomeini has accused foreign elements of fomenting trouble for the Iranian revolution by inciting the Kurdish rebellion, and it is possible that the

Israelis are behind it all," according to "Al-Bilad."

"Israel could be trying to spite the Iranian government for its hostility to Israel and amity to the Palestinians and the Arabs in general."

"Recent happenings in Iran may be an attempt to abort the revolution by taking advantage of the troubled situation in the country. But one question remains unanswered: what is the relationship between the Iranian government and the armed forces? Is it strong enough to permit the government to meet any divisive challenges in the country? This may well be the case, but the government probably does not wish to do so until elections are held and a permanent constitution is drafted to regulate government-army relations, thereby strengthening the hand of the government in bringing complete law and order back to the country."

"As it is, the government does

not seem to be unduly worried and views the situation with composure in the knowledge that the problem can be solved in time. Once a plebiscite is held, these negative tendencies will disappear, the armed forces will play their constitutional role in combating hostile attempts to destabilize the country."

"The resignation of Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad is an indication of the gravity of the Arab World," according to "Al-Jazirah".

"Although the exit of an individual should not be seen as very serious, the resignation implies

that the Arab League is not in the best of conditions," the paper added.

"The timing of resignation is also grave since it comes at a time of growing anxiety and need for a united Arab League which is an expression of Arab unity."



On official red tape: Visitors have to be ambushed for the long wait—

U.S. row over foreign students

By David Rosenzweig

LOS ANGELES — The riot by Iranian students at the Beverly Hills mansion of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's sister on Jan. 2 generated a reaction by the Carter administration that some critics contend is creating a climate of fear among foreign students in the United States.

Evidently under intense pressure from Attorney General Griffin Bell, those critics say, the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service hastily hammered out a directive that gives immigration authorities excessive latitude to probe into the political and personal conduct of the 235,000 foreign nationals currently studying in U.S. colleges and universities.

And to make matters worse, they add, INS field offices have been given no guidance on how to interpret the new directive, raising the likelihood of arbitrary, nonuniform enforcement around the country.

"In short," said a veteran INS official who asked not to be identified, "it's a mess."

The cause of all this concern and confusion is a teletype message Jan. 29 to INS district offices, mandating that henceforth all foreign students seeking to renew their student status be interviewed by an immigration service officer or a university official designated to act on behalf of the agency. In the past, such renewals were granted by mail before the start of each academic year.

The interview shall be conducted, says the directive, to ensure that the student is pursuing a full course of study, that he has enough money to maintain himself in the United States, that he has not been working without INS approval and "that he has not engaged in any activity deemed inconsistent with his continued presence in the United States as a student."

It is the latter that has touched off fears — mostly among university officials and civil libertarians — that foreign students could

become targets of a political witch hunt.

"What is inconsistent activity supposed to mean?" asks Sam Bernsen, who served nearly 39 years with the immigration service, the last four of his career as its general counsel.

"The people in the foreign student business on the campuses don't know what it means. The immigration people around the country don't know what it means. They're all interpreting it differently."

"Some think a foreign student violates his status simply if he carries a picket sign in a demonstration."

The message was not intended to launch a witch hunt, according to Nelson Dong, special assistant to Bell. He said the principal purpose of the directive was to help INS keep better tabs on foreign students who may be abusing their visa privileges.

Bernsen, now in private law practice, has been providing legal advice to the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs, an organization representing foreign student advisers on college campuses across the country.

In a recent memorandum, the Association advised members not to interview students on behalf of the immigration service until there is clarification of significant legal issues raised by the directive.

The Association contends that college officials who conduct such interviews for the immigration service might be in jeopardy of violating the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which prohibits the disclosure of certain information without the specific consent of a student.

Association leaders argue also that the directive itself may be illegal because the INS failed to publish it in the Federal Register 30 to 60 days before it was issued.

Finally, they say, whatever the outcome of the legal controversy, foreign student advisers should take a position that makes it

patently clear they are not immigration officers.

The refusal of foreign student advisers to join the INS in carrying out the thousands of interviews that will be required before the end of the school year is sure to have a serious impact.

Claiming they are overworked, understaffed and already beset by a heavy case backlog, INS officials anticipate even longer delays in handling foreign student applications because of the newly mandated interviews.

In the southern California area, where estimates of foreign student enrollment run as high as 24,000, the modified boycott by foreign student advisers appears to have taken hold.

"There is an enormous reluctance on the part of our foreign student advisers to serve as policemen for INS," said Kibbey Horne, director of international student programs for the California state university and colleges.

"It's not anything we're equipped to do and it's not anything we ought to be doing. Grilling a student on what he does off campus is not something we should be doing under any circumstances."

(LAT)



EVENING WEAR: A gold lame flecked moire with wide shoulders, one of the new fashions from the Nina Ricci Boutique of Paris.

The U.S. media and the Arabs

By a Staff Writer
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Lord Caradon, Britain's architect of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, and Lebanese Ambassador to the U.N. Ghassan Tuani are among the featured speakers at next month's symposium here on the American media and the Arabs.

Caradon, former minister of state for foreign and commonwealth affairs and British representative at the United Nations, will deliver the keynote address for the two-day symposium, sponsored by Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies.

Tuani, publisher of Beirut's "An-Nahar" newspaper, will present "An Arab Journalist's View of American Journalism."

Announcing the speakers and participants for the April 19-20 symposium, Georgetown University said four separate panels will discuss American perception of the Arabs, television entertainment programming, the U.S. news media and the Arabs, and American news-gathering in the Arab world.

Other featured speakers include Dr. Willard Oxtoby (University of Toronto), Dr. Michael Suleiman (Kansas State University), Dr. Jack Shaheen (Southern Illinois University), ABC television newsmen Steve Bell and Barrie Dunsmore, and syndicated columnist Georgie Ann Geyer.

Among those taking part in panel discussions will be Mohamed Hakki, press counselor for the Egyptian Embassy; Dr. Edmund Gbareeb of the embassy of the United Arab Emirates; Jim Hoagland of the "Washington Post" and John Richardson, public affairs director of the National Association of Arab Americans.

Atmospheric similarities on Jupiter

By Thomas O'Toole

WASHINGTON — Despite its massive size and rapid rotation, despite stunning peculiarities like its stripes and bands and great red spot, despite the fact that it's mostly ammonia without oceans or continents to influence it from below, the atmosphere of Jupiter behaves a lot like Earth's.

White cirrus clouds swirl at the highest altitudes, parts of its skies are blue and lightning flickers above the thunderclouds. Most of the air currents in the northern hemisphere blow toward the east and in the southern hemisphere toward the west, just like they do

on Earth.

Jet streams cross the planet at hundreds of miles an hour, giant thunderstorms pop suddenly into view along the equator. Regions of dry air appear at the same latitudes one would find Africa's Sahara and Australia's Great Sandy Desert.

"I think a lot of sound atmospheric concepts are going to emerge from studying Jupiter," said the California Institute of Technology's Dr. Andrew Ingersoll, a meteorologist analyzing Jupiter photographs taken by the Voyager spacecraft that flew by the planet March 5. "There are surprising similarities between the

Earth and Jupiter."

One of the most striking similarities is the abundance of jet streams in the upper atmosphere, clearly the source of much of the changing weather on both planets.

There are as many as 20 jet streams circling Jupiter at speeds up to 350 miles an hour, piling air up in certain places and pulling it out of others. Scientists suspect that Jupiter's jet streams are at least one reason for the enormous white-colored ovals seen in the photographs of the planet. The ovals may be little more than gigantic high pressure systems that march around the planet and produce weather. — (WP)

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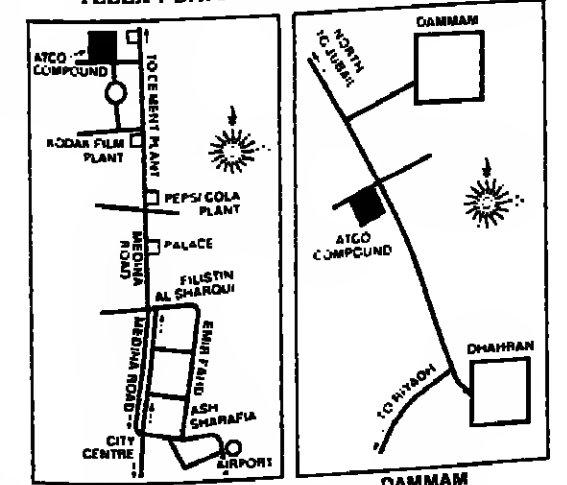


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A political geography of North America

By Joel Garreau

WASHINGTON — Let us reconsider America. Forget about the 50-state boundaries, which are mostly historical datelines and surveyors' mistakes. Forget all the bilge learned in geography, north and south, east and west. Throw away the political almanacs filled with useless data on meaningless local elections.

Consider, instead, the way North America really works. It is nine nations, many of them hostile, some subservient to others. Each is distinct — organized and unified into itself — by money, resources, topography, music and poetry, unique webs of history. Most important, each nation has its own way of looking at things — at itself and at the other eight nations.

If you want to understand this continent, the political boundaries — even those that separate sovereign entities such as the United States and Canada — are no help, even misleading. Can anyone produce a reason for Colorado?

The frustrated farmers from the wheatfields of eastern Colorado look to Kansas city as their capital. Denver cares less and less about wheat, though that is where the farmers must send their taxes. This frustration is one reason why the farm protest movement was born in eastern Colorado. Denver cares about oil, coal, gas, and uranium to the West. Denver is capital of the Empty Quarter, one of North America's nine nations.

Can any serious person defend the bad idea called California? After all, what does San Francisco have to share with Bakersfield? They are cities of separate nations. San Francisco is not the collection of weirdos that L.A. claims; it is the capital of a nation called Ecotopia with a distinct world view of its own, completely at odds with the driving realities of its two bordering nations, the Empty Quarter and Mexamerica. Ecotopia is lush and green; its neighbors are preoccupied with thirst.

Geography teachers say that Ohio and Nebraska are in the "Midwest." This is wrong. There is no such place as the "Midwest." Ohio is foreign to Nebraska economically, socially, politically, ethnically. Ohio is part of the Foundry; Nebraska is loyal to another nation, the Breadbasket.

Cleveland — bankruptcy, pollution and poverty — is the spiritual center of the gritty-city nation called the Foundry. Omaha is in Kansas City, like those farmers in eastern Colorado. The idea of nine nations, instead of 50 states, is valuable, because if you can grasp the layers of unifying flavor and substance that define those nations, you can begin to understand most of the major storms and excursions that pass through North American public affairs.

Most Americans feel at some level of consciousness a dual citizenship — they are Americans, but they are also bound to the other nation — New England or Dixie or Ecotopia. The power of these nine nations is confirmed by what would seem a contradiction — the extraordinary mobility of citizens who move from one nation to another. These migrants will retain some of their old trappings, but they will rush to embrace the styles and attitudes of their new nation. Chicago

businessmen wear cowboy boots when they move to Houston; Yankees develop draws when transferred to Atlanta or Birmingham.

Let me concede that a few things do not fit this construct of nine nations. But that isn't the fault of the map. It merely explains why some key parts of the country are screwed up, schizophrenic.

Another loose piece is New York City. On the new map it should be the border town that handles trade and diplomatic relations between New England and the Foundry. As New York City declines, that humble status may be its only future. New York's problems result from its blatant attempts to become a nation unto itself. That worked fine as long as the other nations were undeveloped colonies, but as the other nations became stronger and more powerful, they turned on the Empire state and began draining brains and money in other directions. Resistance to hailing out New York is not an economic position; it's revenge among nations.

Of course, there is that other expensive anomaly, Washington, D.C. Washington, if it doesn't get smart, will learn the same lesson being taught to New York. For almost two centuries Washington was content to be what it was supposed to be — the capital of nothing terribly important, merely a quiet, border town between Dixie and the Foundry. John F. Kennedy said it best: All the charm of a northern city, all the efficiency of a southern one.

The modern welfare state, with its regulatory tentacles, changed that. Washington is now wrapped in imperial pretensions. When the place is eventually dismantled, some citizens here will still be wondering why the people "out there" — the citizens of those nine nations — were so agitated.

In addition to border towns and cities with grand illusions, the new map does have one more layer: Places that function as "world capitals" regardless of their functional place in the nine nations. Houston is only a border town between Dixie and Mexamerica, but it is also the world capital of oil. L.A. is capital of Mexamerica, but it may be more important to the rest of us as the world capital of manufactured dreams.

The Breadbasket

The Breadbasket is the nation that works best. Minneapolis-St. Paul, for example, while suffering from very similar physical assets and liabilities. The Breadbasket prospers while the Foundry declines. The Breadbasket is that vast flat stretch of fecundity also known as the Plains, the original American prairie which includes Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, the Dakotas, Minnesota and good chunks of Colorado, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. A strong foundation is being built for its future.

Its major cities — Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City — go forward apace despite the much publicized troubles of the farmers who are their bedrock reason for being. The cities prosper on the farmers' problems.

American agriculture is basically doing fine because of its diversity. When corn producers, for example, suffer from low prices, that rebounds to the advantage of cattle raisers.

The problem of the Breadbasket farmer is not that he's starving. His problem is that he's in debt (with money borrowed in the city and ultimately finding its way back to the city, which is good for the city).

But that debt is secured by the land. The farmer imagines droughts, floods and pestilence that could wipe him out if they

world's independence because of their proximity to the missile silos and to the machinery of food export. They are sobered by their links to the land.

Ecotopia

The name "Ecotopia" is taken from the amusingly plotted but nonetheless brilliant novel by Ernest Callenbach of Berkeley. A small band of people with

unemployment-causing harvesting machines, rapacious land practices that have driven out the little guy and, somehow, the federal government.

The Foundry

The Foundry is the nation of declining and gritty cities. The litany of names bring clear associations even to the most insulated resident of other nations.

This nation also contains some of the most majestic beauty in the United States. Among the Empty Quarter's beautiful, natural resources are the largest stretches of the most majestic beauty in the United States. Among the Empty Quarter's beautiful, natural resources are the largest stretches of the most majestic beauty in the United States.

Plans drawn up by outsiders for the region go onward. They include a slurry coal pipeline. The pipeline would take hundreds of millions of gallons of water from this nation, which has little enough to start with, dirty it with as much strip-mined coal as it will take and still stay liquid, and then ship it southeast, where there already is plenty of dirty water.

The alternative to this is unit coal trains. These mile-long, hundred-car trains would rip through the little towns of the Empty Quarter about one an hour or so.

If you don't like that, there are always the reactors. Or the oil shale.

Not coincidentally perhaps, the Empty Quarter has spawned a brand new neurosis. Called by doctors the Gillette Syndrome, it's a potentially murderous disease caused by sitting in a trailer too long, 160 kms from nowhere, with nothing to do but watch men carve holes in the ground.

The Islands

Thanks largely to Fidel Castro, Miami has become the economic, cultural, military and sometimes political capital of the Caribbean nation.

Miami always considered itself the Anglo's gateway to South America, but the influx of the Cubans turned this around. The Cubans now own and operate Miami, and it is their gateway to the north, as well as the crossroads for the sea rim.

Its mayor, Maurice Ferre, who's Puerto Rican, matter-of-factly states that "We consider where a completely different culture has been transplanted. Other cities have neighborhoods of Italians or Poles. Here you have a whole part of a nation (his words) uprooted en masse and transplanted."

It's certainly the only major

U.S. city where a stranger wanders around downtown for hour without hearing a word English, where it's as easy to find plantanos as hamburgers.

Perhaps the most intriguing part of the nation of the Caribbean is contributions to the underground economy. A parlor game among Miami journalists is wondering how many local banks flourish for money from the drug trade.

Eleven major U.S. banks have opened Miami branches during the last decade. Eight foreign banks have opened similar branches. The average Latin visitor to Miami spends 2½ times much per day as his Anglo counterpart.

Bahamian casinos, offshore banks, enough heavy weapons launch an invasion of Cuba, a fanaticism to break into Watergate or murder a Chilean ambassador, the CIA's intrigue exchange — all these link up Miami. Miami is the capital of a nation that is armed and dangerous.

Mexamerica

Somewhere around the border town of Houston, maybe halfway to Beaumont, the grits give way to earth shades of red and brown. You know you're out of Dixie and into Mexamerica.

This strip nation runs for half continent 350 or 500 kms north to the border with Mexico. It is a nation which is now what the United States in the '80s will be — one which the biggest minority is not blacks, but Hispanics.

Among the Mexamerica states, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, southern California, the Hispanics vastly outnumber all other minorities, reaching as high as 36 per cent of the population.

Their influence can be seen most clearly in the capital of Mexamerica, Los Angeles. With as many as 2 million Hispanics, Los Angeles has the largest population of Mexican ancestry outside of Mexico City. —(WP)



The "nine nations" of North America. (MUST CREDIT: Washington Post map by Richard Furno (Post), moved Monday, March 19, 1979. (C) 1979, The Washington Post.

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persisted, but what is capitalism without risks?

No, as he struggles to explain to city voters what's really gnawing at him in the language of parity, petroleum-based chemicals and combines, his fear is not of going under tomorrow. His fear is that one day his precious earth will be owned by General Foods, rather than a nuclear family, preferably one that includes his son or daughter.

The general populace can't figure out why that should be so important to them, but we will. We always come around to the way the Breadbasket thinks.

It's in the Breadbasket where social change meets its most important tests. If new ideas or style prevail here, they become fully American.

The day Paul Harvey, who broadcasts his Breadbasket news and views from the border town of Chicago, was heard in Iowa coming out against the war in Vietnam.

This may sound like the stuff of soap operas, but it's the making of America's social history.

The people of the Breadbasket are well educated by a chain of remarkable land-grant universities and well informed by widely circulated papers like the "Des Moines Register," "Kansas City Star" and "Chicago Tribune."

These folks take their regionalism seriously, yet they are internationalists. They understand the

their heads screwed on straight takes one look at the materialistic, wasteful, defense-oriented, environment-destroying, nuclear-and-foreign-oil-addicted, soulmangling direction toward which America is galloping headlong and decide they want out.

Through implausible nuclear blackmail, they force the rest of the country to allow them to secede and set up their independent nation which they name Ecotopia, for ecological utopia. They seal the borders to all influence from the outside world and completely redesign their society.

The nation's boundaries are identical to the ones in our map, except they include the incredibly rich farmland of California's central valley. While this makes good economic sense, since an independent nation needs productive agriculture, it makes zero political sense, since the valley's values are those of the drylands of Mexamerica, and its inhabitants' streak of mean is second to none, which makes it improbable that they would buy visionary ideas from San Francisco freaks.

But the central idea is sound — an identifiable community of values and interests unique to western Washington, western Oregon and northern California. This nation is based on an ethic of almost libertarian self-reliance. Nowhere — not even in the Empty Quarter — will you find rugged individualism worshipped the way it is in Ecotopia.

This individualism combines with the basic rootlessness common to other Western nations to produce an almost mystical relationship with the lush surrounding countryside. It ferments a lethal brew from which can spring anything from the pro-nuke governor of Washington, Dixie Lee Ray, who likes to live in a mobile home, to the hipsters of San Francisco, to the pure form of Ecotopianism — as in the harter economy practised by some residents of central Oregon's McKenzie River valley.

Yet Ecotopia is also the land of Boeing and the Trident submarine — it sells arms to the rest of us. But the point is that these values dominate this nation's sensibilities and the true citizen of Ecotopia surrounds himself with its trappings, even if he makes weapons for a living.

The major center of learning in Ecotopia is Berkeley, which is a value statement in itself.

This nation is surrounded by hostile forces. The multi-thousand-acre agribusinessmen of the central valley, for example, look at northern California's rivers carrying fresh water into the sea as a genuine sin. Every drop of water that those hippies prevent from being diverted to their desert gardens is a rutabaga taken out of the mouths of a hungry nation.

The northerners, on the other hand, see every drop of water kept right where it is as a victory. It also strikes a blow against the cancer-causing pesticides, square plastic tomatoes, monstrous

Newark, Trenton, Camden, Schenectady, Buffalo, Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Detroit, Akron, Toledo, South Bend, Gary, Cleveland.

These names mean one thing: heavy work with heavy machines, wrestling iron and coal to manufacture things. Hard work for those with jobs. Hard times for those without.

In some ways, the times are harder for the Foundry today even than for New England. While New England's time as an industrial center is long past, the Foundry is only now declining and the change is wrenching.

In an ironic way, the Foundry is the new South. This nation received the vast immigration of job-hungry blacks from Dixie for 30 years, but it is now the warehouse of their discontent. Opportunity flees elsewhere.

It has been the major battleground for trade unionism in America, the last bastion of great democratic-political machines. The four boroughs of New York City which are not Manhattan are part of the Foundry.

Its capital must be Detroit with its archetypal auto industry, but its spiritual center is bankrupt Cleveland. Its hope is in the resurgence of Baltimore. Its sham is Cicero, the town which broke Martin Luther King Jr.'s heart.

When columnists talk about the politics of decline, they're talking about the Foundry.

When they talk about urban blight, they're talking about the necklace of imprisoning ghettos into which the Foundry has herded the victims of its racism for so long that it is now reaping third generation welfare clients. Some have been denied a piece of the American dream for so long that they simply don't know how to go about getting a job and holding one, which after all, is what living in the Foundry is all about. And the Foundry is falling.

The Empty Quarter

In a harsh land, you conquer it or it conquers you. Conquering the land means making a profit and making a profit sometimes means leaving behind scars.

Sometimes the scars are on the land, like the vast copper crater which Butte, Montana keeps threatening to fall into.

Las Vegas and Salt Lake City, both geographically and spiritually, are in the nation of the Empty Quarter.

The Empty Quarter, whose vast distances between towns scar the mind, is the site of America's great land grab.

From the uranium mines of New Mexico to the coal strip mines of Wyoming, from the nuc-

of quality one air left in America.

This is a volatile political brew because the Empty Quarter is the last great colony of the other eight nations. The federal government owns the majority of the land in the Empty Quarter and some of the biggest corporations in the world are vying to develop it. Citizens of the Empty Quarter have less to say about its own territorial



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Triumphant Shavers will meet Holmes for WBC title

Shavers destroys Norton in vicious 1st-round blitz

LAS VEGAS, March 24 (AP) — Earnie Shavers knocked down Ken Norton twice and stopped him with a stunning display of fury in the first round of a scheduled 12-round heavyweight fight Friday night.

Shavers plasted his way into line for a championship fight by stopping Norton at 1:02 of the first round as the crowd of about 5,400 at the Las Vegas Hilton Pavilion roared its disbelief.

The shocker came in a preliminary to World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes' title defense against Ossie Ocasio, and the victory put Shavers into line for a WBC title shot in September.

With Norton on the floor for the second time, referee Miles Lane reached the count of seven and then signalled the fight was over. Norton's trainer, Bill Slaton, had signalled the referee to halt it just a moment before.

When Norton got to his feet, it was obvious that the referee had made the right decision. On recovering his senses, Norton said to Shavers, "Way to go, babe. Nice shot."

The 34-year-old Shavers had said before the fight that he was not going to worry about going the distance, but that he was going to come out bombing in an effort to end it fast. Norton said he expected Shavers to come out gunning, but when Earnie did, there was nothing Norton could do about it.

After a few seconds of feinting, the two men went at each other in Norton's corner and Norton had the best of it, landing three head shots while Shavers' punches bounced off Norton's shoulders.

But then Shavers hulled Norton to the ropes and the two went toe-to-toe. Suddenly, Shavers landed a left hook, a right upper cut, and

Norton was in serious trouble. Shavers pounded home a barrage of shots to the head as Norton careened along the ropes, then staggered into the center of their ring and went down.

Norton struggled up, but it was obvious that he was hurt. Once Lane waved Shavers back to the attack, he wasted little time. He slammed home another right uppercut that dropped Norton on his back and ended the fight.

Lane elected not to bother to count to 10.

The loss is a bitter pill for the 33-year-old Norton. He was the 11-5 favorite and plans already were in the works for him to fight Scott Ledoux in June and then await another shot at the title he lost to Holmes on a split decision here last June.

Norton, who weighed 225 pounds, lost for the sixth time against 41 victories. He earned \$750,000 but saw his future in the heavyweight division shattered.

Shavers, who weighed 210, got about \$250,000. The victory was by far the biggest of his career, which was marked by victories but overshadowed with disappointing defeats.

He was knocked out in one round by Jerry Quarry back in 1974 when he appeared headed for a title shot. The veteran, from Warren, Ohio, fought his way back into championship contention and then lost a title bid to Muhammad Ali on a decision on Sept. 29, 1977. Then he went against Holmes here last March, with the winner to fight Norton for the crown. Shavers was barely in the fight, losing almost every one of the 12 rounds.

Now Shavers is back again after scoring his 57th victory and his 55th knockout. He has eight losses and a draw.



FURY: Shavers awaiting weigh-in. The fury of his performance Friday shows he has returned to contention with a vengeance.

No more fighting, says Ali, as wheel turns full circle

SAINT VINCENT, Italy, March 24 (AP) — World Boxing Association heavyweight Champion Muhammad Ali came to this north Italian Alpine resort Friday to see the man he beat for his first great success in the Rome Olympics, and said time for boxing had come to an end for him.

"I have said many times I was retiring, but this time I mean it," he said. "At that time I still had a lot left, but not now. Years go by and I am too old to fight."

"I'll keep on saying for a while that I might change my mind, because I want to take advantage of my title as long as I can. They'll believe me because they'll think why should I refuse \$12 million to fight Mike Rossman or someone else?"

Ali said, however, that he would not fight Rossman nor Italian Alfio Righetti nor anyone else.

"I am fighting Nobody," he said. "It would tarnish my image to end my career by fighting someone like Righetti. I'd be criticized by the many people who are waiting to hurry me. This would give them a chance to hurry me 10 feet deep."

Ali came here to attend the premiere of a film on his life. "Muhammad Ali, an American Story," by Italian Newsman Gianni Mina. He set as condition that the Italian Olympic Committee give him a copy of the gold medal he won in the 1960 Olympics and have him meet the man he beat in the final for the light heavyweight title, Zbigniew Pietrzykowski of Poland.

Gutsy Puerto Rican falls to champion's experience

LAS VEGAS, March 24 (AP) — Larry Holmes smashed young Ossie Ocasio to the canvas four times in the seventh round and stopped the Puerto Rican challenger at 2:38 of the round to retain the World Boxing Council heavyweight championship Friday night.

It was simply a matter of too much size, too much power and, most important, too much experience. Ocasio was making only his 14th pro fight and tried with all he had but he was never really in the fight.

In a preliminary bout, Earnie Shavers shocked the crowd at the Hilton Pavilion by twice knocking down favored Ken Norton and stopping him in the first round.

The victories by Holmes and Earnie Shavers set up a little match between the two in September.

"My man, hell of a fight," the champion said to the outgunned Ocasio a few moments after the fight had been stopped.

Holmes, who weighed 214 pounds to 207 for Ocasio and who enjoyed a 3½-inch height advantage and a four-inch reach advantage, came out at the opening bell looking to land a big punch.

But Ocasio hung tough, crouching and bobbing and weaving, and keeping Holmes' timing off just enough to escape disaster. But in the fifth and sixth rounds, the 6-foot-3, 29-year-old champion began finding the range to both the head and the body.

Then, in the seventh, Holmes wrote an end to the 23-year-old Ocasio's little dreams in the same

arena in which Leon Spinks stunned the world on Feb. 15, 1978, when he outpointed Muhammad Ali.

Holmes scored his first knockdown with three straight jabs. Ocasio struggled up and Holmes moved in for the kill. Two jabs and a right sent the Puerto Rican to the floor.

Once again Ocasio struggled to his feet. Referee Carlos Padilla looked into Ocasio's eyes and shouted: "Are you all right?" The challenger nodded yes and Padilla waved Holmes in again.

A series of punches flashed through Ocasio's guard. The last one was a crushing right hand ... and down went Ocasio.

Ocasio came up, like a man climbing an invisible rope. Once again Padilla asked if he was all right, and again came the nod.

Ocasio turned and Holmes greeted him with a left-right to the jaw. Ocasio dropped flat on his face. Padilla didn't even bother counting.

The victory, worth \$1.2 million was Holmes' 30th in as many pro fights, and it was his 21st knock-out.

For Ocasio, who has 19 brothers and two sisters, it was his first defeat in a pro career that started on Feb. 20, 1976, when manager Bill Bailey saw him shadow boxing in his laundry room and asked: "You want to be a fighter?"

Ocasio was a fighter Friday night, but an overmatched fighter. He occasionally scored with sweeping left hooks, but Holmes caught most of his punches on his arms.



COMMANDING: Wadkins crouches to watch a putt go home. Friday, he carded a 36-hole total of nine under par for a commanding lead.

Wadkins shines in Florida wind

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, March 24 (AP) — Lanny Wadkins didn't make a single bogey despite whipping winds that raked the course and cut out a four-under-par 68 and a three-stroke lead in the second round of the Tournament Players' Championship.

The tough Sawgrass course, that yielded low scores in Thursday's

calm, regained its unforgiving nature Friday and sent such great players as Gary Player and Seve Ballesteros down the road to the next event.

On the LPGA, Donna Young shot a three-under-par 69 Friday in the second round of the \$100,000 Sahara Pro-Am in Las Vegas to take a two-stroke lead over sliding JoAnne Carner.

Javed's unbeaten century steadies shaky Pakistan

PERTH, Mar. 24, (AP) — A polished unbeaten century by Javed Miandad has rescued Pakistan from a shaky start to be in a sound position at stumps on the first day of the second Test against Australia at the WACA Ground Saturday.

When the Umpires upheld an appeal against the light at 5:39 p.m. Pakistan had recovered to 240 for seven.

The 21-year-old Javed showed great dedication and tremendous natural talent in scoring an unbeaten 112, including 14 boundaries, in 294 minutes.

He was largely responsible for helping Pakistan to fight back from 90 for five at lunch.

Javed, who has now scored six Test centuries, and captain Mushtaq Mohammad batted through-

out the second session to loosen Australia's early grip of the game. They added 86 runs for the sixth wicket in 140 minutes before Mushtaq was run out for an invaluable 23, the result of a superb piece of fielding and return to wicketkeeper Kevin Wright by Rick Darling in the covers.

Australia is paying dearly for dropped catches. Javed was dropped at 53, 57 and 110.

Supertest Delayed

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, March 24 (AP) — The start of the fourth World Series Cricket Supertest between Australia and the West Indies has been delayed for two days until Sunday because of a rain-soaked outfield at Bourda Oval.

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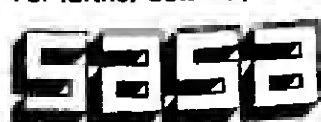
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NEW YORK, March 24 (R) — The North American Soccer League (NASL), looking healthier than ever, opens its 13th season Saturday with the star-studded New York Cosmos overwhelming favorite to win its third championship in a row.

Several other clubs — notably the Fort Lauderdale Strikers in Florida — have gone on spending sprees to assemble teams capable of wrestling the title from the Cosmos. But the New Yorkers have done some shopping of their own.

Most clubs would be content with a team including the immaculate Franz Beckenhauer, captain of West Germany's World Cup winning side of 1974, goal-hungry Italian Striker Giorgio Chinaglia.

Big World Cup seen

ZURICH, March 24 (R) — All indications point to 24 countries instead of 16 taking part in the finals of the World Cup in Spain 1982, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said Friday.

raiding winger Dennis Tueart of England and another World Cup Star, sweeper Carlos Alberto of Brazil.

But not the cosmos. They have gone to Alberto's homeland to sign the brilliant, ball-playing defender Mariño, plus Iranian World Cup defender Eskandarian and mid-fielder Antonio Carbognani from Argentina.

The New York club, funded by Warner Communications, is short of money, and is reported to have offered the great Johan Cruyff as much as \$5 million for a three-year contract. So far the Dutchman has been unimpressed.

In fact, the main threat to a third Cosmos triumph comes from within.

Beckenhauer is said to be unhappy with having to play a mid-field role again and wants to be the sweeper, much to the annoyance of Alberto.

Then there is Chinaglia, who set a league record of 34 goals last season but is booed by Cosmos fans and has had many a verbal

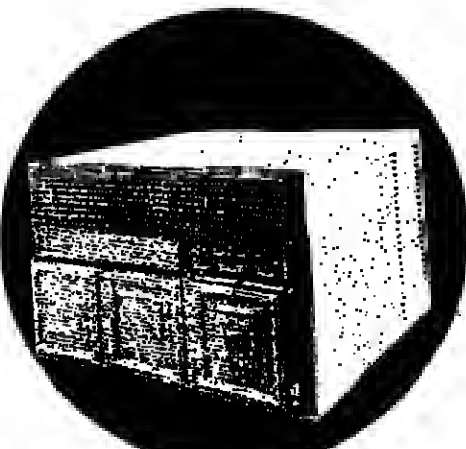
battle with his coach, Eddie Firmani.

The outcome may depend on Firmani and keeping his prima donnas playing as a team.

Of the other 23 teams, the Strikers made the most spectacular signings of the close season by landing Gerd Mueller, the most prolific goal-scorer in West German history, and Peru's Teofilo Cubillas, 30, one of the outstanding players of the 1978 World Cup.

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Exploration reports optimistic

Mexican oil reserves on the rise

MEXICO CITY, March 24 (AP) — Mexico has just touched the surface of a huge sea of oil under its territory and its proven reserves should increase steadily over the next few years, the exploration chief of the national oil company Pemex says.

"Two hundred billion barrels is not the maximum we will reach in potential reserves," Octavio Mejia Duatt Friday told the closing session of the pan-American petroleum engineers conference. "Surely we will continue to raise

this kind of reserve and our proven reserves."

Mexico's proven petroleum reserves have made it the world's sixth largest oil producer over the past two years. It trails the Soviet Union, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait and the United States.

Pemex estimates the proven reserves at 44.1 billion barrels, probable reserves at 44.6 billion barrels and potential reserves of 200 billion barrels. One-third of the reserve figure is natural gas. "Only ten percent of the poss-

ible oil producing areas have been explored. Of the remaining 90 per cent, 45 per cent show extremely promising signs of producing oil, and 45 per cent warrant further exploration to determine if oil is there," the exploration engineer said.

"I am certain we are going to find more oil," Mejia Duatt said.

He also described the oil field in the Tampico area known as Chinotepec, a 2,300 square kilometer area, as the largest single field in Mexico. Pemex says 16,000 wells will be needed to extract 17 billion barrels of the field's 100 billion barrels estimated reserve.

Jesus Chavarria, Pemex's assistant exploration manager, said he doubted the field would produce more than 17 billion barrels, but added, "this is a very good recovery rate."

Another area soon to add to Mexico's oil wealth is the offshore oil fields near Campeche, Mejia Duatt said.

Mexico currently produces 1.5 million barrels of oil a day. Pemex expects to increase production to 2.25 million barrels a day by the end of 1980 and maintain that level through 1982.

But it does not want to become

the world's alternative source of petroleum to the Middle East. The government of President Jose Lopez Portillo is cautiously proceeding with a \$20 billion development program over the next 20 years and the production levels are expected to be strictly controlled to check inflation.

Oil drilling takes a pause off New Jersey

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., March 24 (AP) — Exploratory drilling for oil and gas off the mid-Atlantic Coast of the United States is in a lull now with only six rigs working and one of them almost ready to leave.

But after nearly a year of work and 10 dry holes, U.S. government officials believe more wildcat wells will be drilled offshore this summer.

Exxon, Mobil, Gulf, Texaco continue to drill for oil and natural gas between 80 and 105 miles off the coast of New Jersey and Delaware. Three other oil companies — Shell, Continental and Houstco Oil and Minerals — have dropped out of the search for oil.

Exxon began the hunt nearly a year ago on March 29, 1978 when its leased drillship Glomar Pacific dropped anchors and began drilling about 101 miles off the coast. That well went to 17,620 feet and came up dry last December.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Saturday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.83	6.90	6.90
Deutsche Mark (100)	180.00	181.00	180.75
Swiss F (100)	200	201.00	199.75
French F (100)	78.00	78.75	78.75
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.00	107.60
Syrian Lira (100)	—	78.75	86.70
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.22	12.24
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.28	11.28
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.80
Qatar Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.78
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	10.00	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.25	87.10
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.35
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	32.35	34.25
Gold kg	—	26,300	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,080	—
Silver kg bar	—	900	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.62	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.88	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.18	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.67	1.69	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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Carter's inflation policy blasted

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP) — Critics of the United States' anti-inflation program are pointing to the sharp rise in consumer prices this year as evidence President Jimmy Carter's voluntary wage and price controls are not working.

"We now officially have double-digit inflation in America, and the administration's program can't stop it," AFL-CIO president George Meany said Friday. "The only answer is full and complete controls on the price of everything and the income of everybody."

Meany, head of America's biggest labor federation, has been a critic of the voluntary guidelines since their inception last October. His latest criticism came after the government announced that consumer prices rose 1.2 per cent in February.

The figure, which translates to an annual inflation rate of about 15 per cent, follows a 0.9 per cent rise in consumer prices in January. Inflation last year was 9.2 per cent.

The guidelines came under attack earlier this week when the government announced that corporate profits for the fourth quarter of 1978 were up 9.6 per cent over the third quarter.

The rise in consumer prices was the largest one-month increase in 4½ years. Sharply higher food, fuel and housing costs were blamed for much of the increase.

Tunisian heads U.N. energy parley

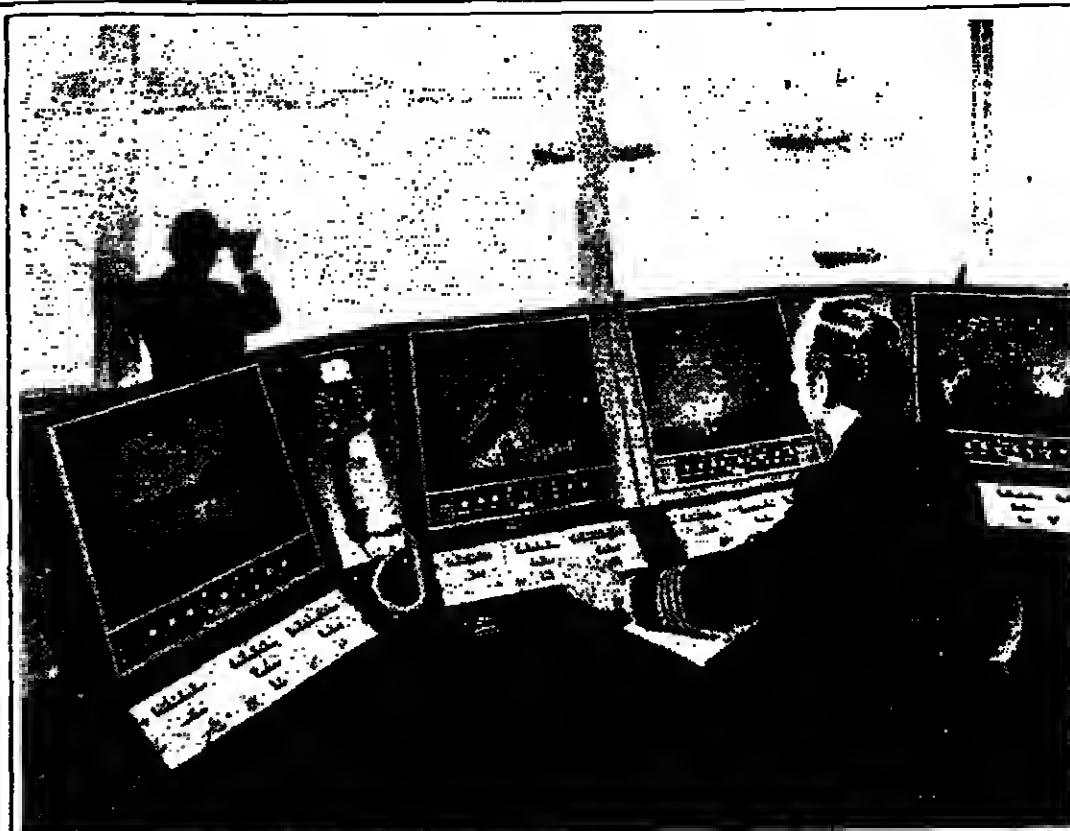
UNITED NATIONS, March 24 (AP) — Muhammad Habib Gherah of Tunisia has been named as secretary-general of the U.N. Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy that the General Assembly last Dec. 20 called for some time in 1981.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, appointing him to that

post Friday, gave him the rank of undersecretary-general, second highest in the U.N. Secretariat.

Gherah has served as assistant secretary-general heading the Office of Personnel Services.

Waldheim meanwhile named James O. C. Josiah of Sierra Leone to succeed Gherah as assistant secretary-general for personnel.



WATCHFUL EYE: Constant surveillance of the movement of ship from up to 32 km away is a feature of the new harbor radar system at Tees Port in northeast England. Here the harbor master in the operations room keeps a watchful eye on ship movements via four radar monitoring screens.

Despite recent rally

Margin debt worries market

NEW YORK, March 24 (AP) — Almost six months after last fall's "October massacre" in the U.S. stock market, many Wall Streeters are still a little jittery about the amount of money borrowed against stocks.

These loans, known as margin debt, reached a record high of \$12.4 billion last September. They were widely cited as a cause of forced selling a month later when

the Dow Jones industrial average took a drop of more than 90 points in just two weeks.

The total of margin debt has come down somewhat since then — it stood at \$10.79 billion as of the latest report from the New York Stock Exchange. But some analysts maintain that it still could cause trouble if the market should go into any substantial decline.

It certainly wasn't any problem this past week, as the market reached its highest levels so far in 1979. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials posted its third straight weekly gain, rising 6.93 to 859.75.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 53 to 57.08, and the American Stock Exchange market value index climbed 4.03 to 176.80, its highest closing level since it peaked at

176.87 last Sept. 13.

Big board volume averaged 32.17 million shares a day, the busiest pace since an average of 43.97 million traded last Oct. 30-Nov. 3.

The point of concern about margin debt is the so-called "margin calls."

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 24 - H MARCH 1979.

24 TH MARCH 1979.					
1- VESSELS DISCHARGING					
BERTH	VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE	
1A	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—
2	BLUE POLARIS	ALIREZA	VEHICLES	23.3.79	—
3	—	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—	—
5	GOOO STAR	OCEAN TRO	STEEL/PAPER/GEN./ CON. MATS.	22.3.79	—
6	—	—	—	—	—
B	—	—	—	—	—
7	—	—	—	—	—
B	TELAMON	KANOO	BAGS RICE/CONTAINERS	22.3.79	—
9	—	—	—	—	—
10	ULSTER STAR	O.C.E.	FROZ. POULTRY/BUTTER/ Apples	21.3.79	—
11	—	—	—	—	—
12	—	—	—	—	—
13	—	—	—	—	—
14	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—
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17	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	—	—	—	—
19	IONIAN CARRIER	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	18.3.79	—
19	GERARO L.O.	ALSABAH	BULK CEMENT	20.3.79	—
20	—	—	—	—	—
21	—	—	—	—	—
22	ELU 2	A. A.	BAGGED CEMENT	8.3.79	—
23	KANARIS	A. A.	BAGGED CEMENT	18.3.79	—
27	FILIPINAS SAUCI 1	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—
36	—	—	—	—	—
38	—	—	—	—	—
39	—	—	—	—	—
40	MALDIVE AMBASSADOR	OCEAN TRO	STEEL BARS/GENERAL	23.3.79	—
41	—	—	—	—	—
42	OCEAN HAPPINESS	A.E.T.	CONTR./GEN./H. LIFTS	21.3.79	—
43	—	—	—	—	—
44	—	—	—	—	—
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2	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—	—
2- RECENT ARRIVALS					
Arabian Endeavour		KANOO	CONTAINERS	23.3.79	—
MALDIVE AMBASSADOR		OCEAN TRO	STEEL/GENERAL CONTAINERS/TRAILERS/ CRANES	23.3.79	—
MERZARIO AUSONIA		A.E.T.	CONTAINERS	23.3.79	—
AL MUBARAKIAH		KANOO	CONTAINERS	23.3.79	—
STARMARK		REG SEA	RO-RO UNITS/ TRAILERS/MAPS	23.3.79	—
BLUE POLARIS		ALIREZA	VEHICLES	23.3.79	—
RABENFELS		ALIREZA	CTRS./CHASSIS/ PLANT/TOOLS	24.3.79	—
LAERTES		ALATAS	CONTAINERS/GENERAL	24.3.79	—
3- VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITH IN NEXT 24 HOURS					
MERCANDIAN CAIX		ORRI	GENERAL	24.3.79	—
ANTONIOIS II		STAR NAV.	GENERAL	24.3.79	—
RIZA ISIK		EL HAWI	TIMBER	24.3.79	—
SAN STEFANO		STAR NAV.	FRUITS	24.3.79	—
ANGLIA EXPRESS		RED SEA	RO-RO UNITS/ CTRS./TRLS.	24.3.79	—
MEDO		FAYEZ	GENERAL	24.3.79	—
MALDIVE ENERGY		OCEAN TRD.	RICE/CORN/ MAIZE/SORGHUM	24.3.79	—

4- TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 56, 031

5- WAITING TIME: NIL

Note: Importers having goods on the above mentioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any inquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. offrice	Closing
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Vegetable and meat market of 12 shops in Umluj village under Raniah municipality	500	April 22
" " "	Temporary asphaltting in Safa and Qoz villages to the Qunfuzah rural complex	200	May 8
" " "	Temporary asphaltting in Hairiah and Kara villages in Turabah	200	May 8
" " "	Temporary asphaltting in Umluj village in Raniah	200	May 8
" " "	Temporary asphaltting in Badr Al-Mafraq	200	May 8
" " "	Temporary asphaltting and lighting of streets of Al-Lajth municipality	200	May 8
Directorate General of Meteorology	Constructing of a Pollution Plant in Jubail	3 1000	April 28
Directorate of Civil Aviation	Drilling of artesian wells at Qassim airport	500	April 7

PORTS AUTHORITY

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM

SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

DATE: 26.4.1399 / 3.1979

TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels	Name of Working the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
Berth No.				
3	GANOA SATRIA	GOSAIBI	STEEL BARS/GEN	22.3.79
4	TSU	BARBER	GENERAL/CONTS	23.3.79
10	WUXI	ORRI	LOADING UREA	21.3.79
11	BACHDZING	SOKASIA	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	18.3.79
13	KASHIMA MARU	GULF	GENERAL/PIPPES	23.3.79
16	OCEAN STRENGTH	A.E.T.	GEN/CONTS	23.3.79
18	EVPO ARAMIS	SOEASIA	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	17.3.79
19	AL MESSILAH	KANOO	SHEEP	23.3.79
20	CARICA	S.A.I.T.E.	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	12.3.79
21	HAVBJORN (O.B)	BARBER	BULK CEMENT	22.3.79
23	ZEPSEA	A.E.T.	CONTAINERS	24.3.79
26	MALOVE LOYALTY	U.M.P.	RICE IN BAGS	24.3.79
28	MAHAVJAY	S.E.A.	GENERAL	23.3.79
VESSLS WORKING AT ANCH				
AL SHIOQIAH	KANOO	GENERAL		16.3.79
SPRUCE	GOSAIBI	LASH BARGES		24.3.79
2- RECENT ARRIVALS				
MAHAVJAY	S.E.A.	GENERAL		23.3.79
AL MESSILAH	KANOO	SHEEP		23.3.79
HELLENIC NAVIGATOR	GULF	TIMBER/GEN		23.3.79
OCEAN STRENGTH	A.E.T.	GENERAL/CONTS		23.3.79
CONCOROIA VIKING	KANOO	GENERAL		22.3.79
LICA MAERSK	KANOO	GENERAL		22.3.79
MERCANDIAN TRANSPORTER — 11	ORRI	RO-RO		23.3.79
KASHIMA MARU	GULF	GENERAL/PIPPES		23.3.79
GANOA SATRIA	GOSAIBI	STEEL BARS GEN		22.3.79
TSU	BARBER	GENERAL/CONTS		23.3.79
TOROUOISE BOUNTY	GULF	CONTAINERS		22.3.79
OAKLAND	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS		23.3.79
HAVBJORN	BARBER	BULK CEMENT		22.3.79
SPRUCE	GOSAIBI	LASH BARGES		24.3.79
MALOVE LOYALTY	U.E.P.	RICE IN BAGS		24.3.79
ZEP SEA	A.E.P.	CONTAINERS		24.3.79
3- VESSELS EXPECTED WITH IN 24 HOURS				
TSINGYO ISLAND	U.E.P.	—		—
EVERMORE ASCENOENT	KANOO	—		—
MALOVE EXPRESS	ORRI	—		—
OUNELMIA	KANOO	—		—
TONGARIRO	KANOO	—		—
TOCHIGI MARU	A.E.T.	—		—
ROBERT E-LEE- STRATHMORE	KANOO	—		—

4- TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 67, 105

5- WAITING TIME: NIL

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International Finance

International Bourse: Commodities, Money and Exchange Rates

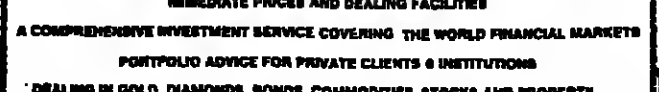
بورصات العالم

Texas Mirror	39%	29%
Trans.	18%	18%
Transmission	17%	17%
Union Pacific	26%	26%
Trans. Union	20%	20%
Trans-way Int'l.	22%	21%
TV Cable	22%	21%
Treasury	37%	37%
Trifundamental	17%	17%
U.S. Steel	31%	31%
T.R.W.	35%	35%
2nd Century Fax	35%	35%
UNESCO	26%	26%
UNIBAC	31%	31%
UGI	18%	18%
Unicom	18%	18%
Unilever	51%	51%
Uniflex NV	61%	61%
United Bank	31%	31%
United Carbide	36%	36%
United Chemical	36%	36%
United Oil California	64%	64%
United Pacific	5%	5%
United States	36%	36%
United Brands	9%	9%
US Bancorp	22%	22%
US Cytogen	22%	22%
US Shoe	22%	22%
US Steel	31%	31%
Uni Technologies	37%	37%
UV Industries	32%	32%
Wallace Electric	13%	13%
Wal-Mart	26%	26%
Walgreen	46%	47%
Waste Management	28%	28%
Western Nat'l	25%	25%
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Westinghouse Elec.	19%	19%
Weyerhaeuser	36%	36%
White Corp.	18%	18%
Whitcomb Co.	26%	26%
William Cos.	21%	21%
Wilson Co.	18%	18%
Woodward	24%	24%
Xerox	58%	58%
Zapata	16%	16%
Zenith Radio	14%	14%
ZTS Trans. 40% 1980	95%	95%
Bowling Corp.	8%	8%
US Day Paper	9.5%	9.5%

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LONDON		NEW YORK	
March 23	Range	March 23	Operating Prices
USA	2,836.00-3,070	STC	7,035.2-7,085
Canada	3,815.5-3,925	BPR CON	29.48-29.49
France	8,750.0-8,750	DAK	8.95-8.96
Belgium	60.00-61.00	FFR	4.2934-4.2950
Italy	1718.00-1721.00	LIT	0.1212-0.1213
Holland	1.4325-1.4325	SRF	1.6880-1.6880
Switzerland	3.4235-3.4235	DM	1.8460-1.8460
W. Germany	3.7950-3.8050	YEN	285.55-285.70
Sweden	10.3900-10.4000	AUS SCH	13.03-13.06
Norway	10.3650-10.3750	ESP	5.1600-5.1620
Denmark	10.3650-10.3750	FRK	1.1640-5.1660
Austria	47.87-47.78	PORT	23.98-24.00
Portugal	47.87-47.78	NET	29.86-29.88
Spain	148.20-149.30	BKR FIN	64.05-64.07
Japan	412.35-413.00	MEXICO	22.83-22.85

N. Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES	
March 23	
Guinea	2,0157
Belgian	20.4800
Deutschmark	1.8600
Hong Kong Dollar	4.9214
French Franc	5.2061
Italian Lira	8.89.92
Japanese Yen	265.500
Swiss	2.0000

LONDON GOLD	
March 23	
3.00 p.m. fix	524
Morning fix	524
London's fix	524

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DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES

March 22

30 Industrials ..	361.1	173.55	0.41%
20 Transport ..	218.20	170.78	0.36%
15 Utilities	104.53	174.30	0.39
65 Stocks	106.2	171.10	0.39%

New York — (AP)— The stock market closed in new high territory for the year on Thursday. The pace of trading was at about the highest level since early 1929.

Analysts said the outlook for a higher stock market over the near term was enhanced by a leadership shift in the Dow Jones Industrial Average and blue chip stocks. They noted that most market advances have mainly come with just that mix of broader group and blue chips.

In the news from overseas, the Italian Parliament, as expected, approved the peace treaty with Germany. The Italian government said that President Jimmy Carter would sign a peace accord before the end of the year.

DOW JONES 11.00 a.m. STOCK AVERAGES

March 23

30 Industrials ..	361.23	DJ 0.08	0.6%
20 Transport ..	218.20	DJ 0.13	0.3%
15 Utilities	104.48	DJ 0.18	0.1%
65 Stocks	106.05	DJ 0.84	0.8%

Powell also said the President's energy administration would probably be made on March 29, should the president sign any proposals to cope with the world oil shortage. He said that the administration was contemplating a new energy bill.

A total of some 925 investors gathered while 540 million shares of stock were traded in the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 361.31, thus surpassing the previous year's high of 359.75 on Jan. 26. At its peak Thursday, the Industrial Average was at its highest point since last 1929.

Volume totaled 34,650,000 shares compared with 32,000,000 shares traded on the previous day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1.55 points from 360.76 on March 19 while the shares changed hands on March 19 while the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1.55 points from 360.76 on March 19 while the shares changed hands on March

The activity failed to spark much interest from investors, who preferred to wait for some signal that would indicate a clear direction for interest rates.

I have a pension fund with \$50 million dollars in cash waiting for something," said one senior trader. "He's buying at two points lower, where there would be a 10% drop. He's buying at a point that is really below on a recession in the west. But on own 95% Treasury securities now with inflation at 10%."

This sentiment was evident among Thursday's fresh operators, Massachusetts, which sports a reputation for being the most conservative of the states in fiscal aid together, lost 125 million dollars of bonds. Better than 50% were sold by late Thursday afternoon, according to the Boston Herald.

Massachusetts Bank. The bonds were priced higher

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
	22	22	21	20	19	16	15
Government Secs.	73.05	72.29	72.54	72.56	71.53	71.65	75.25
Fixed Interest	73.75	73.24	73.35	72.92	72.25	71.22	78.25
Industrial Ordinary	534.6	514.6	515.8	505.6	509.7	519.9	460.0

	10m. 52.6	11 m. 52.5	Nov. 52.8	1 p.m. 52.9	2 p.m. 52.5	3 p.m. 52.9
Gold Mines	161.	159.1	158.6	167.8	169.4	156.7
Gold Fields	123.	123.	122.2	126.2	126.2	126.2
Ord. Div. Yield	5.35	5.55	5.49	5.60	5.55	5.54
Earnings % ¹ 10% (full) ² ..	14.20	14.74	14.57	14.89	14.70	14.73
P/E Ratio (incl. Div.)	8.97	8.65	8.74	8.56	8.63	8.65
Dividends marketed	6.658	7.344	6.804	7.259	5.711	6.626
Equity (mill. \$)	25,864	26,087	25,867	26,116	26,379	26,130
Equity bargains total		27,864	20,587	27,166	23,379	21,230

10m. 52.6 11 m. 52.5 Nov. 52.8 1 p.m. 52.9 2 p.m. 52.5 3 p.m. 52.9
 Latest Index 41-236-906 * NB = 8-4.3
 Based on 52 per cent corporation tax. 15/11/28, Fixed Int. 1928, 1/7/25.

March 23 Lunchtime Prices	SOYABEAN MEAL	Today's Closing	Today's Closing
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COCOA		Today's Closing	Previous Closing	MONTHLY	per tonne	
				April	128.20	127.10
				June	128.60	128.30
March	1651	1645		August	128.30	130.25
May	1676	1671		October	129.50	128.50
July	1672.5	1675		December	127.00	127.00
September	1693	1692		February	129.00	127.00
December	1754	1750		April	130.60	127.05
March	1731	1777				
May	1810	1795				

September	1486	1485	Three months	766.50	767.00
November	1478	1475	Settlement	772.00	—
January	1478	1475			
March	1468	1463			

GRAINS		COPPER	
Wheat	Barley		Per tonne
1486	1485		
1478	1475		
1478	1475		
1468	1463		

GRABBER		Closing		Closing		Wholesale	
			per long ton				
May	92.89		95.45			1863.58	1854.00
September	92.89		86.60			1870.00	1871.00
November	95.85		89.70			1854.00	
January	99.40		93.30				

RUBBER		Pence per kilo		LEAD		per tonne	
April	60.50		60.48				
May	61.00		61.00				

July-September ...	74.50				
Oct.-December ...	74.55	74.50			
RAW SUGAR					
Sugar Prof.				Per dry ounce	
Costs for			Cash	373.30	373.60
5 months from			Three months	383.30	383.40
			Settlement	373.00	—

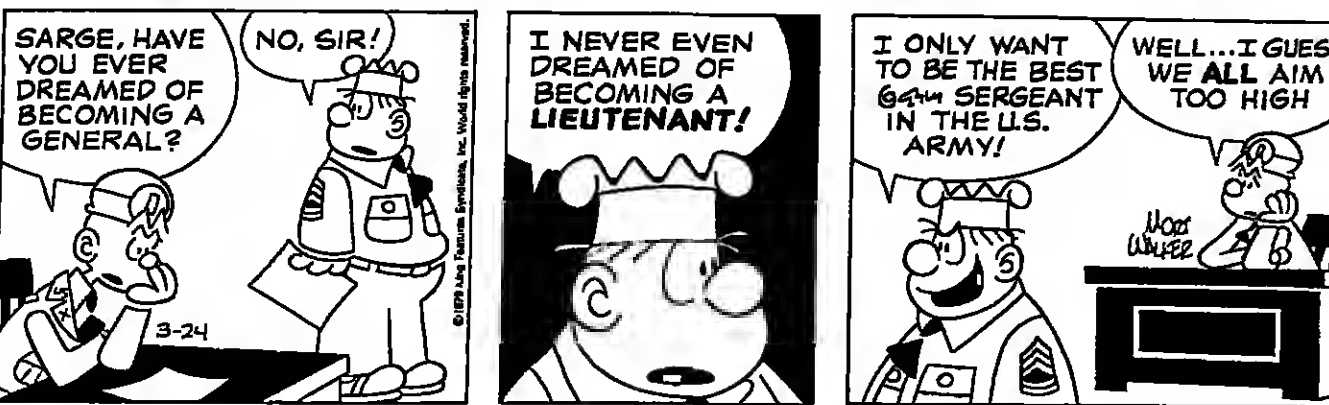
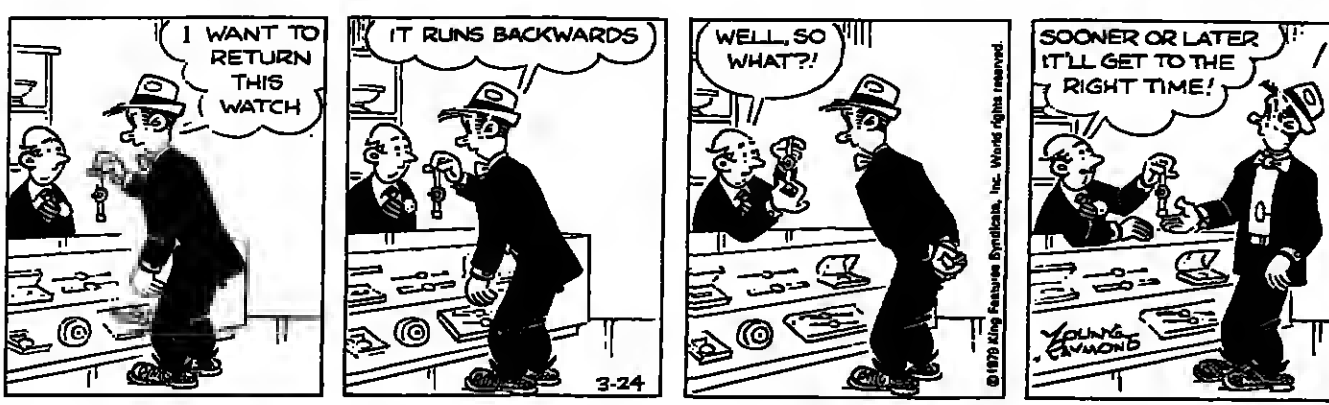
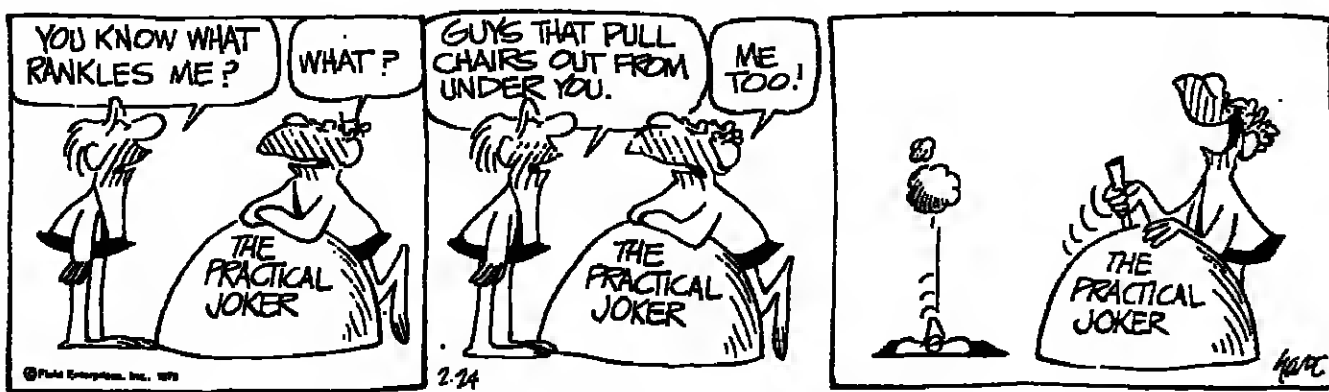
May	109.45	109.30	TIN	
August	113.35	113.38		\$ per tonne
October	116.25	116.30	Standard	7420
December	119.00	118.80	Cash	7425
March	123.40	123.00	Three months	7320
May	125.60	125.25	Settlement	7425
August	128.60	128.00	High Grade	7440
			Cash	7440
			Three months	7330
			Settlement	7440

September	130.50	137.50	Settlement	396.00	--
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INTEREST RATES معدلات فوائد العملات الاجريبية

Officer	Dutch Cavalry	Swiss Fencibles	W. German Mark	French Fencibles	Italian Lira	Asian Ducat	Japanese Yen
10	5-6	4-4	3 1/2 1/2-4 1/4	6-6 1/2	7-10	—	3 1/2-1 1/2
10	5-6	4-4	4 1/4-4 1/4	6-6 1/2	10-11	10-10 1/2	4 1/2-3 1/2
11 1/2	6-6 1/2	4-4 1/2	4 1/2-4 1/2	7-7 1/2	10-11 1/2	9 1/2-10 1/2	5-5 1/2
12	6-6 1/2	5 1/2-6 1/2	4 1/2-4 1/2	7-7 1/2	11-12	10 1/2-11 1/2	4 1/2-5 1/2
12 1/2	6-6 1/2	5 1/2-6 1/2	4 1/2-4 1/2	8-8 1/2	11-12 1/2	10 1/2-11 1/2	4 1/2-5 1/2

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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Scottish group
3 Shoe parts
11 Jack rabbit
12 Crustacean
13 Profess
14 Show
15 Short race
16 Pantry container
18 Misguide
19 Choose
20 Large truck
21 Role for Liz
22 Furnish food
24 Boo-boo
25 Algerian port
26 Aries symbol
27 Carist commune
28 Pilot
31 Accede to
32 Salamander
33 Lazy
34 Sander
37 Hufrau serving needs
38 Old World bird
39 Jockey
40 Be paid DOWN
1 African country

2 Vichy premier
3 Originated
4 Conn. city
5 Evergreen shrub
6 Nurse
7 Nebraska city
8 P.O.W. on the lam
9 Loud-voiced person
11 Beset
17 Patriotic group
20 Trade
21 Indite
22 Operatic city
23 One
24 Exclude
26 Baptism and marriage
28 French river
29 Spanish city
30 "I'll - Smile Again"
31 Drudge
34 Adolescent

Saturday's Answer
1. 10 2. 11 3. 12 4. 13 5. 14 6. 15 7. 16 8. 17 9. 18 10. 19 11. 20 12. 21 13. 22 14. 23 15. 24 16. 25 17. 26 18. 27 19. 28 20. 29 21. 30 22. 31 23. 32 24. 33 25. 34 26. 35 27. 36 28. 37 29. 38 30. 39 31. 40 32. 41 33. 42 34. 43 35. 44 36. 45 37. 46 38. 47 39. 48 40. 49 41. 50 42. 51 43. 52 44. 53 45. 54 46. 55 47. 56 48. 57 49. 58 50. 59 51. 60 52. 61 53. 62 54. 63 55. 64 56. 65 57. 66 58. 67 59. 68 60. 69 61. 70 62. 71 63. 72 64. 73 65. 74 66. 75 67. 76 68. 77 69. 78 70. 79 71. 80 72. 81 73. 82 74. 83 75. 84 76. 85 77. 86 78. 87 79. 88 80. 89 81. 90 82. 91 83. 92 84. 93 85. 94 86. 95 87. 96 88. 97 89. 98 90. 99 91. 100

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L E A A R
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
JQY'G PQAADFVNRGW LDGU
ZQEN CWOOL ARY. UWOH
UDA. - FQENPW EYSYQL
Saturday's Cryptquote: LITTLE EFFORT, LITTLE RESULT; BIG EFFORT, BIG RESULT. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT. - ALFRED ARMAND MONTAPERT



Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

The Vanishing Trick
North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 5
♥ Q 8 4
♦ A K 9 5 3
♣ 9 5 2
WEST
♠ K J 2
♥ K J 8 3
♦ Q J 4
♣ K Q J
EAST
♠ 10 3
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ 10 8 7
♣ 8 7 6 5
SOUTH
♠ Q 9 8 7 6 4
♥ 10 5
♦ 6 2
♣ A 10 4
The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ NT
Pass Pass 2 ♠
Opening lead - king of clubs.
Let's assume you're declarer at two spades and West leads the king of clubs. Consider West's notrump bid, it seems probable that you'll lose two trump tricks, two hearts and two clubs to go down one. But if you think about the matter some more, another possibility begins to emerge, and you realize there's a good chance of making the contract if the diamonds are divided 3-2. Accordingly, after winning the club with the ace, you play the A-K and another diamond, ruffing the third round as both opponents follow suit. Now you lead the queen of spades - which is a rather peculiar play, because you don't have the jack or ten to back up the queen. However, there's a good reason for the queen play. You're practically certain that West has the king and you devoutly hope that East has the doubleton ten or jack - in which case your projected scheme of play will succeed.
West covers the queen with the king, which you take with the ace. You now lead the nine of diamonds, discarding a club whether or not East ruffs. If West ruffs with the ten, you make the contract because your only remaining losers are a trump, two hearts and a club.
If East discards on the nine of diamonds, the outcome is exactly the same. West ruffs and can then do no better than lead his Q-J of clubs next. You ruff the jack and, when you lead a trump, the 3-2 come tumbling down together. Your only losers on this line of play are two trumps, two hearts and a club.
Making two spades is not an earth-shattering accomplishment, but you're entitled to think you earned your keep by causing one of your losers to disappear.
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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Sunday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Assr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:09	6:26	12:34	3:59	6:36	8:06
Medina	5:08	6:21	12:35	4:02	6:37	8:07
Nejd	4:38	6:56	12:04	3:30	6:07	7:37

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1082
6:30 George Kirby Show	Nancy Wilson
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter	Kotter For Vice Principal
7:25 Rickford Files	Rattler's Class Of 63
8:13 NFL Football	Highlights: No. 12, Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Low and medium clouds to concentrate over the central, northern and southern regions as well as the southwestern highlands, with a likelihood of sporadic showers and occasional thunderstorms over them. Surface winds will blow southerly at moderate to active speed raising dust and sands over the central and northern regions and causing poor visibility. Sea conditions will be light to moderate in the territorial waters.

	X	X	X	
Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)				
Mecca	36	27	Tabuk	29 18
Jeddah	34	21	Al-Jauf	29 17
Riyadh	35	18	Rafha	32 14
Dhahran	31	21	Bisha	34 17
Medina	34	21	Yanbu	31 21
Taif	30	15	Abha	24 11

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. - Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Mood Music
3:50 close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	01:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News Summary
Reports: Actualities:	10:30 VOA Magazine:
Opinion; Analyses	America: Science;
8:30 Dateline	Cultural; Letter
News Summary	11:00 Special English: News
Special English:	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
News: Feature: The	VOA WORLD REPORT
Making of a Nation	Midnight
News Summary	12:00 News newsmakers'
(Standards)	voices correspondents
9:30 News Roundup:	reports background
Reports: Actualities	features media comments
	news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newsreel
News Summary	6:15 *Outlook
8:30 Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsdesk	7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
9:30 Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 *Books and Writers
News Summary	8:30 *Take One
*Sarah Ward	8:45 Sports Round-up
*Something to Show	9:00 World News
You	9:09 News about Britain
11:00 World News	9:15 Radio Newsreel
11:09 Reflections	9:30 Farming World
11:15 Piano Style	10:00 Outlook News
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	Summary
12:00 World News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:09 British Press Review	10:43 Look Ahead
12:15 World Today	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:30 Financial News	11:00 World News
12:40 Look Ahead	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
12:45 The Tony Myatt	News Summary
Request Show	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Evening Transmission	Midnight Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus	12:15 Talkabout
1:30 Discovery	12:45 Nature
2:00 World News	Notebook
2:09 News about Britain	1:00 World News
2:15 Alphabet of	1:09 World Today
Musical Curios	1:25 Financial News
2:30 Sports International	1:35 Book Choice
2:40 Radio Newsreel	1:40 Reflections
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:00 World News
4:00 World News	2:09 Commentary
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	2:15 The Face of England
News Summary	

Your Individual Horoscope

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1979
What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Overnight guests may disturb your household routine. You'll tire of socializing by mid-day and seek privacy. Avoid fantasizing.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
A busy round of social activity may leave you with other tasks undone. New conquests have you thinking of more permanent ties.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Don't let your search for the unusual make you pass up existing possibilities. Be realistic in your career appraisals. Work for results.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Don't let carefree times lead to unwise expenditure. Protect health and get rid of foolish notions about work. Creativity abounds.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Don't take too much for granted about a relationship. Find a constructive outlet for creative energy. Get things done at home.
VERGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Watch carelessness re health and diet. Honesty opens the door to good fellowship. Partnership accord for those who share thoughts.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
After letting things slide, you'll want to get back to work. However, expect a few false starts before things come together.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Relaxation at home gives way to a more active pursuit for pleasure. You'll have a good time providing you protect yourselves from loss.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Don't keep others waiting. Fiddling around at home won't get you anywhere. Seek a private spot and then get your work accomplished.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
You may overstep in your pursuit of romance. Don't make assumptions; instead talk things over with concerned parties. Friends are helpful.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
You may be careless with health. The advice of a friend about a financial matter may be incoherent. Make inquiries yourself.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Cut down on immoderate behavior. Seek the proper advice before launching a career project. Avoid self-deception. Stop, look, and listen.

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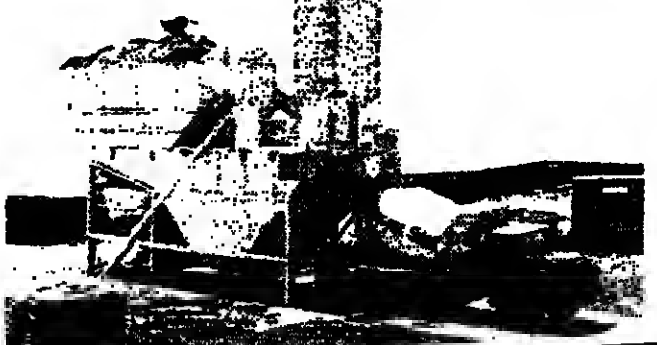
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International

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As OPEC ministers gather in Geneva

UAE unwilling to increase crude oil output

ABU DHABI, March 24 (Agencies) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of Petroleum Mana Al-Oteiba said Saturday it was not in the interests of the federation to increase its present crude production — an average of 1.85 million barrels a day.

Oteiba was speaking before leaving for Geneva to attend Monday's OPEC consultative meeting at the Intercontinental Hotel.

The official Emirates News Agency WAM quoted him as saying that the UAE had already fixed the 1979 output target.

But if there were a serious upset in world oil markets, he said, the UAE would then reconsider its attitude in cooperation with other OPEC members to find suitable solutions, because any world economic setback would also affect the UAE, the minister said.

In Washington, Secretary of Energy James Schlesinger warned of a renewed worldwide oil shortage if OPEC countries reduce



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

production because Iran has resumed exports.

The secretary told Congress Friday we are in tenuous balance worldwide, "between supply and demand even though Iran's government had started up production again."

He made it clear the balance could be upset if OPEC decided to

cut production. Schlesinger told the Senate Commerce Committee Iran's export level of 2.5 million barrels a day would not be raised soon and other OPEC nations had "made no commitment" to continue their higher production.

"It is possible there will be reduction from those other members," he said.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, raised by one million barrels a day its oil production ceiling to compensate for some of the lost Iranian exports.

Iran, when it resumed exports earlier this month, refused to supply previous regular customers and sold oil on the spot market, for what was reported to be up to \$3 a barrel above the OPEC price.

The new government in Iran has come out strongly in favor of higher oil prices and is expected to join other OPEC members at Geneva in pressing for an immediate increase in the official price.

Because it is only a consulta-



Mana Said Al-Oteiba

tive conference, the Geneva meeting is not meant to determine price increase but OPEC statutes allow the oil ministers to transform the meeting to an extraordinary price conference if they wish.

A 3.8 per cent increase is already set to take effect on April 1 but the question now facing OPEC is whether the market is

tight enough for a larger increase.

Iran, supplier of almost one-tenth of the non-communist world's oil, halted exports for 10 weeks during civil unrest which sent the Shah into exile. This pushed up the price of a barrel of oil on the spot market to \$18 compared with the official OPEC price of \$13.35.

OPEC, at its last conference in Abu Dhabi in mid-December, decided on four quarterly rises in the price of crude oil this year which would result in year-end prices 14.5 per cent above the level 12 months earlier.

Oteiba said price rises would not be discussed again until the end of this year unless there was a dramatic change of circumstances.

But this view does not appear to be shared by others in the 13-country organization.

Several states, including Venezuela, Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Libya and the UAE itself have imposed surcharges of up to 1.20 a barrel to mop up some of the windfall profits which are easy to make on the oil market when supplies are short.

Oteiba, current OPEC president, said earlier this month the oil ministers would discuss how to prevent Western oil companies from making excessive profits during the present shortage.

Market sources expect the shortfall in supply to continue for much of this year. A U.S. congressional report predicted earlier this month that oil prices for the year would rise by seven per cent above the already-set OPEC levels.

Many OPEC ministers believe that their countries, rather than Western oil firms, should reap the benefit from a price boom.

Oteiba said earlier in March OPEC might consider taking steps to cut out oil companies as middlemen and sign direct contracts with governments instead.



HOME GUARD: Before what the Vietnamese called the total destruction of Cao Bang by withdrawing Chinese troops, Hanoi released this photograph of the city's home guard. The Vietnamese said the troops had "fought valiantly, killing many Chinese invaders" and that "many fighters have been admitted into the Communist Party while in action." (AP photo)

Hopes of talks dim

Vietnam alleges Chinese incursions

BANKOK, March 24 (Agencies) — Vietnam's Foreign Ministry has accused China of making new incursions into Vietnam and moving reinforcements to the border, the Voice of Vietnam said Saturday.

And a source in Hanoi said China was still occupying 21 positions inside Vietnam. Unless it withdrew there could be no talks

on ending the dispute. He said that by occupying the positions after announcing that it had withdrawn completely from Vietnam, China was trying to establish a new boundary line.

"If the Chinese do not withdraw we will have to talk to them with guns," he said, adding that Chinese artillery was continuing to shell Vietnamese territory.

He said the chances of a between Vietnam and China beginning toward the end of 1 month were remote.

And Laos and the Vietnamese-backed administration in Cambodia have united behind Vietnam in a strong anti-Chinese stance after the visit of Laotian President Souphanouvong to Phnom Penh.

Mozambique fuel depots sabotaged

MAPUTO, March 23 (R) — Fuel depots in Mozambique's second largest city of Beira were attacked Saturday and some were still blazing hours later, a general staff communique reported.

The communique did not specify who carried out the raids.

saying merely that "the enemy attacked the oil depots in the early hours of today."

The depots are at Munbaya in a populated area between Beira and the city's airport.

The communique did not mention any casualties.

Meanwhile, the ousted Peking government of Premier Pol Pot alleged the Souphanouvong went to Phnom Penh to plan "to oppress the Cambodian people, expand its aggressive war in Cambodia and spread it to Thailand and other countries in Southeast Asia."

Dutch premier plays down IRA offensive

THE HAGUE, March 24 (R) — Dutch Prime Minister Andreas Van Agt has said he has no information about a possible European offensive by Irish extremists after a marauding report the Irish Republican Army (IRA) warned of further attacks against British diplomats.

An anonymous telephone caller told an Amsterdam newspaper Friday the IRA was responsible for shooting dead Britain's Ambassador to Holland, Sir Richard Sykes, and his 19-year-

old footman on Thursday.

He warned that similar action would be taken against Britain's ambassadors to West Germany, France and Belgium.

"Their lives are in danger. This is a last warning. This is just the beginning," the caller said, according to the evening paper "Nieuws Van de Dag" in a front page report.

But Van Agt speaking after a routine weekly cabinet meeting, said at a press conference late Friday night that he had no information

that the IRA was planning to step up its activities in Europe. His comments appeared to play down fears that the lives of other British envoys might be at risk.

Police here said it was difficult to assess the authenticity of the telephone caller, but pointed out that on the same day Sir Richard died an IRA spokesman in Belfast warned that its guerrillas would escalate their campaign of violence by attacking British targets in Europe.

Another unidentified telephone caller rang several Dutch news organizations Friday and said Sir Richard had been shot by two Dutch left-wingers working on behalf of the IRA, which is campaigning for an end to British rule of Northern Ireland.

Two Dutch policemen Friday traveled to Brussels to investigate a possible link between the murder of the British ambassador and the killing of a senior Belgian banker there the previous night.

The banker, Andre Michaux, 46, lived across the street from Britain's deputy ambassador to NATO, Paul Holmer, and Brussels police said he might have been shot by mistake instead of the diplomat.

Belgian police said Michaux's killers, used high-caliber revolvers to pump several bullets into his head and body. Ballistics experts were checking whether the bullets could have been fired from the same weapons which killed Sir Richard.

Police said they were investigating other potential motives for the killing of Michaux, described by neighbors as a quiet family man, including possible contacts of which his wife or employers may have been unaware.

Kingdom kicks off games with 2-1 win over UAE

JEDDAH, March 24 — Saudi Arabia advanced to the semifinals of the Gulf Games Soccer tournament with a 2-1 victory over former England manager Don Revie's UAE side in Baghdad Saturday.

Al-Hilal striker Sultan ibn Nasib gave the Saudi side the lead with a goal after 21 minutes.

The Emirates equalized shortly after the half-time interval, but Al-Nasr center-forward Majid Abdullah clinched the game for Saudi Arabia in the 70th minute.

Saudi Arabia plays Oman in the semifinal Tuesday and must have a good chance of making the final.

In the other semi-final, the host nation Iraq, which defeated Bahrain, 4-0, Friday, meets Kuwait.

The Kuwaiti side gave an impressive display in defeating Qatar 3-1 Saturday. Two goals in the first half gave it a half time lead and although Qatar pulled one back early in the second half, Kuwait wrapped it up with a third goal five minutes from the end.

—David Smith

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Gromyko

Diplomatic sources here say the Gromyko visit was expected to finally dispel a Syrian-Soviet strain that developed last December as a result of the Kremlin's reluctance to supply Syria with sophisticated weapons.

Last September's Damascus summit of the steadfastness front ended with a call for closer ties with the Soviet Union as a means of combating the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement.

The Kremlin later gave Syria assurances of increased military support when President Assad visited Moscow in October.

King

ing French minister of industry at a meeting attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, the King's adviser Dr. Rashad Pharaon and Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algasaihi.

Diplomats said they did not believe the Soviet Union was planning to reveal any new Middle East initiative despite staunch opposition to the U.S.-inspired peace agreement.

Soviet commentators have depicted the rapid conclusion of the accord as a desperate attempt by the U.S. to force a new military alliance and protect its strategic interests in the wake of the Iranian revolution.

Sadat

support of the peace treaty, according to news reports.

Deputy Director of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department Coby Leket said the government has approved a budget for three new outposts in the next 12 months.

He said another outpost would become a permanent settlement and houses would be built to replace mobile homes and prefabricated structures.



SLAIN AMBASSADOR: Sir Richard Sykes, the British ambassador to the Netherlands who was killed Thursday by gunmen and Mrs. Sykes are pictured attending a Washington reception in 1975. Sykes and his Dutch valet were killed by gunfire as he departed his residence for the embassy. (AP photo).

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